

## Fahd confers with Iraqi minister

RIYADH (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia received Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz after Mr. Aziz arrived here unexpectedly earlier Sunday, the Saudi Press Agency reported. The agency gave no indication as to the topics discussed, saying only that Crown Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal were also present. Saudi sources said it was likely that a mystery explosion on a Saudi-owned tanker in the Gulf last week was discussed in the meeting. But they ruled out that the issue of the tanker, the Safina Al Arab, was the sole purpose of Mr. Aziz's surprise trip. The oil-laden Saudi tanker was on its way from an Iranian oil terminal in the Gulf to France when there was an explosion. First reports from the crew suggested it had been hit by some form of projectile but there has been no confirmation of this.

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## Sudan proclaims state of emergency

LONDON (R) — A state of emergency was proclaimed throughout Sudan Sunday by President Jaafar Numeiri. Omdurman Radio reported. The broadcast, monitored in London, said all meetings and demonstrations were banned, public services were put in a state of mobilisation and certain articles of the constitution were suspended. No reason for the proclamation was given immediately by the radio, which said the emergency went into effect Sunday "in all parts of the Democratic Republic of Sudan." But the Sudanese News Agency SUNA said in an earlier report that Mr. Numeiri would shortly make an important speech disclosing "a new revolution... against corruption, rumours, bribery and tampering with citizens' food and the country's property."

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## King addresses Parliament today

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein will address members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament today, Monday, at the Army Headquarters. King Hussein is expected to brief the parliamentarians on the latest developments in the Middle East and on Jordan's stands towards the various issues in the region.

## Israel produces tanks non-stop

LONDON (AP) — Middle East intelligence agencies are intrigued by an unexplained burst of activity at the Israeli plant where home-made Merkava tanks and armoured cars are manufactured, the Sunday Observer reported. The newspaper said the plant north of Tel Aviv was working 24 hours a day. It advanced several theories for the reported activity, including that Israel was preparing hardware for a war with Syria, selling off its older armour to Iran and standardising the main tank force on one model. The paper said Israel was not known to have received any large new orders for the tank which would explain the stepped-up production.

## Cairo supports Mideast conference

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt has agreed to a proposal by the U.N. secretary-general calling for an international peace conference on the Middle East, the Middle East news agency reported. In a message to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali also expressed readiness to take part in preparatory work for the proposed U.N.-proposed conference, the agency said.

## Israeli court upholds action against tabloid

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli supreme court ruled Sunday that military censors acted within their powers by ordering a newspaper to close its printing press for four days as punishment for a censorship violation. The Hadashot tabloid petitioned the court Sunday to overturn the order to stop the presses (See story on page 2). The court cancelled a temporary injunction against the order which it granted the newspaper earlier Sunday and ordered the presses stopped until Thursday.

## Rajiv Gandhi visits Punjab despite threats

CHANDIGARH, India (R) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's son Rajiv visited the Punjab capital of Chandigarh Sunday in defiance of threats by Sikh extremists to kill him. Rajiv, 39, a former international airline pilot, dismissed the threats against him as an irritant. "If one worries about such things one can't work," he told reporters. He called for an end to restrictions on police entering worship place like the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine. There was strict security for Rajiv's 12-hour visit. About 10 members of the prime minister's personal bodyguard flanked him at all times.

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# Karami says Israel pullout top priority

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Prime Minister-designate Rashid Karami said Sunday his government's top priority will be the liberation of Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon and vowed to show "no mercy" on anyone who tries to undermine his drive for peace.

The 62-year-old politician also made his first comment on foreign affairs since his designation last Thursday, calling for an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations to resolve the Middle East problem and "restore to those who have been ousted from their homeland their legitimate rights."

He was referring to the Palestinian problems. He said Israel "should open the way for just settlement... injustice results in instability and the rights of people should not be denied in any way." Mr. Karami's remarks were broadcast live by the state radio. He spoke from his home in Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city, 80 kilometres north of Beirut. He had left Beirut on Saturday after completing consultations with various parliamentary blocs on a cabinet line-up and was due back in the capital Monday.

Newspapers, radio stations and the state television all said the veteran Sunni Muslim politician, who will be serving as prime minister for the 10th time, would announce formation of a half-Christian, half-Muslim cabinet on Monday. Mr. Karami also told the English-language magazine "Monday Morning" that Israel would have no excuse for staying once a new Lebanese government restored law and order in the country.

"This we will bring about, I hope, and in such a situation we would expect Israel to withdraw rapidly," he added. "The most important thing is the liberation of the south and the Bekaa, which are under occupation by the Israeli enemy," he said. Israel's evacuation headed the list of priorities.

Meanwhile, Lebanese armed groups fired at each other across the front lines in Beirut inter-

mittently Sunday.

The shooting broke out in the morning between the mainly Muslim militias in the west and the Lebanese army and the predominantly Christian rightist forces in the east.

Grenades, machineguns and automatic rifles were used but the fighting was not as heavy as Saturday, when two people were killed and more than 20 wounded.

Reuters quoted political sources as saying Mr. Karami would have to hold further talks with factional leaders on whether they themselves will take part in the cabinet or will be represented by deputies.

All the country's main factions — the Shiite militia Amal, the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and the right-wing Falangist and National Liberal parties — are expected to have ministers serving under Mr. Karami.

In his interview with Monday Morning, Mr. Karami said there has been a demand from all sides for the return of the army, which was split following the outbreak of a new round of civil war in February, to its barracks.

In his radio statement Sunday, he explained that the return of the Lebanese army to its barracks "will in no way mean the elimination of the army's role. What will work on is to rehabilitate the army in a way to win back the confidence of the people and to further strengthen it so that it will be able to carry out its duties again and protect the country and the people."

Mr. Karami insisted that his main goal is to see Lebanon turn into a massive "construction site" to erase the traces of nine years of civil war.

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## Syria warns of Israeli offensive with U.S. help

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria's defence minister has warned of an Israeli offensive against Syria and accused the United States of trying to ensure Israel's military supremacy.

Lieutenant-General Mustafa Tlas was speaking at a military academy in northern Syria Saturday and his remarks were carried by the state-controlled Syrian press Sunday.

Gen. Tlas said the U.S. wanted to "achieve Israel's military supremacy in order to launch an offensive against Syria."

Syrian and Israeli forces face each other in the Bekaa Valley of east Lebanon. Syria has some 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

"If the U.S. and Israel launch an aggression against us they will find an army able to repel the aggression and to inflict heavy losses on the enemy," the defence minister said.

Diplomats believe that under the terms of a 1980 treaty of friendship and co-operation between Damascus and the Kremlin, the Soviet Union would step in to help against an attack on Syrian territory but not in the event of clashes in Lebanon.

But Gen. Tlas was quoted recently by an Arab newspaper as saying Syrian forces in Lebanon are covered by the Syrian-Soviet deal.

The terms of the agreement that deal with security issues have never been made public.

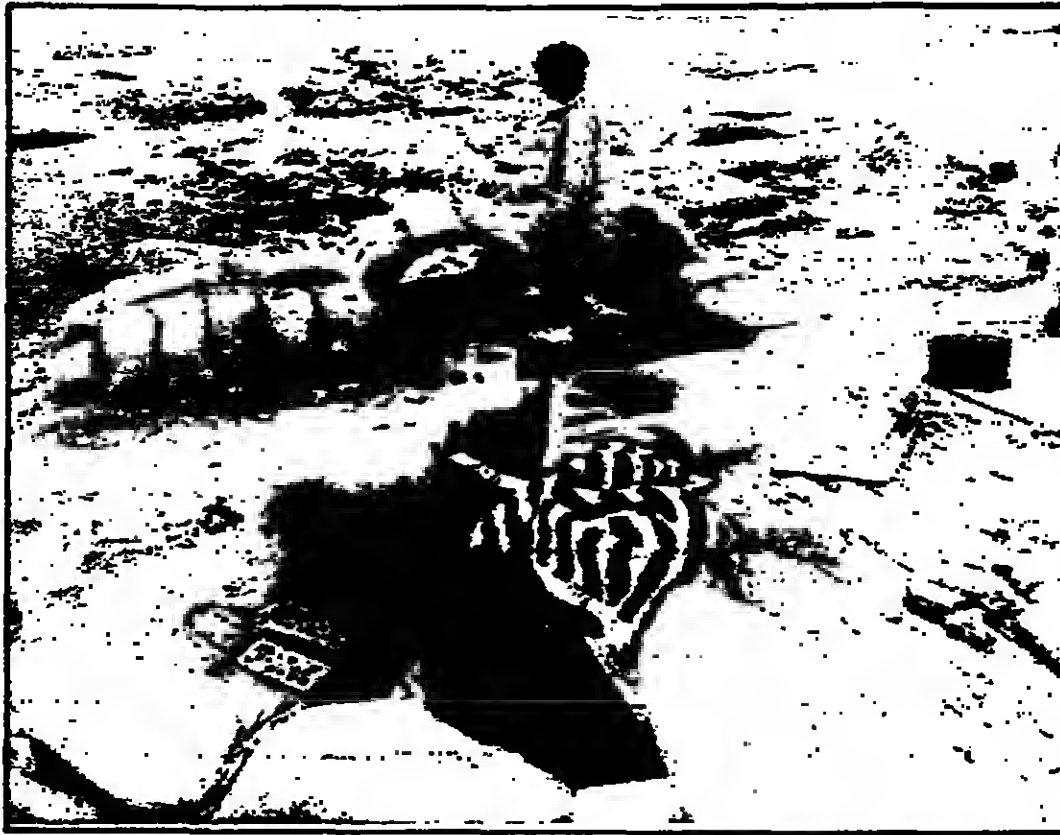
There is an unknown number of Soviet advisers in Syria, mainly manning batteries of surface-to-air SAM-5 and SAM-6 missiles around Damascus and the industrial city of Homs.

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ON THE VIGIL: An Iraqi soldier mans a frontline position on the southern front in the 43-month-old Iraq-Iran war (AP wirephoto)

## Jewish terrorist network linked to Jerusalem boobytrap bombs

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The arrest of dozens of suspected terrorists in Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank has uncovered what is believed to be a well-organised network responsible for a number of attacks on Palestinians over the past four years.

Police would not say how many people they had arrested. Israeli newspapers and radio stations put the number at between 30 and 40 and said the arrests were continuing.

The police operation began on Friday after security forces foiled an attempt to blow up a fleet of Palestinian buses in East Jerusalem.

They dismantled 16 bombs attached to the buses. The attempted attack was apparently intended as revenge for recent Palestinian commando operations in the occupied territories.

Police detained 15 prominent residents of Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank and Golan Heights on Friday, according to various news agencies.

In unusual procedure after the arrests, judges were brought to the cells of the suspects for brief hearings after which the detainees were remanded in custody for 15 days. The judges forbade publication of the names of any of the accused, according to news agency reports.

Israeli newspapers said they included several well-known West Bank settler activists, senior reservist army officers, at least one

demolitions expert and people holding public office in their towns and villages.

In one of Sunday's arrests, police raided the West Bank settlement of Ofra, near the Palestinian town of Ramallah, and detained a leading settler.

Leftist politicians have warned of the existence of an armed Jewish group for the past four years, ever since two prominent West Bank Palestinian mayors were maimed in car bomb explosions in June, 1980.

Concern grew after another attack last July in which armed men, believed to be Jewish settlers, burst into the Islamic College in Hebron, spraying automatic fire in all directions.

Four students were killed and over 30 wounded in the attack. Police investigators are checking the possibility that some of the current suspects were also involved in those attacks, whose perpetrators have never been caught.

In the past two months, Israeli security forces have uncovered three separate groups of Jewish extremists.

The latest group is believed to be more professional, better organised, better equipped and far more dangerous than any of the other groups so far uncovered.

Attaching the bombs to the buses required a high degree of technical skill. The bombs were placed in the bus engines and in different parts of their undercarriages with the intention of causing maximum casualties.

Police are not revealing how they uncovered the plot.

Israel Radio reported on Sunday that the bombs were made of plastic explosives of a type used by the Israeli army and connected to timers and batteries.

The radio said the bombs were timed to explode on Friday afternoon when the buses would be crowded with passengers returning from prayer services on the occasion of a festival marking the ascent to heaven of the Prophet Mohammad.

One theory, the radio said, was that the bombs were set to go off when all the buses were together in East Jerusalem's central bus station.

The bombs were all planted while the buses were parked overnight at the homes of the drivers, the reports said, adding investigators believed the terrorists had extensive and accurate intelligence about their intended targets.

The daily Hadashot said the bombs were made up of between three and 10.5 kilograms of explosives. There were up to three bombs in each bus, it said.

Dan Meridor, the cabinet secretary, told reporters that the Israeli cabinet Sunday heard reports from the head of Israel's security service on the foiled bombing attempt.

"There was very strong condemnation in the government of the attempts that were made on Friday to blow up the buses," Mr. Meridor said.

## Pressure mounts on Britain for probe into embassy siege

LONDON (R) — The opposition Labour Party Sunday called for an inquiry into the government's handling of the 11-day crisis at Libya's London embassy which led Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Tripoli.

The call was a clear warning to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government that the affair would not end with the formal severance of Anglo-Libyan diplomatic ties at midnight Sunday.

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## Qadhafi urges 'reciprocal' action

BAHRAIN (R) — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi has accused Britain of protecting terrorists and called for "reciprocal" action against the British authorities, the official Libyan news agency reported Sunday.

The agency said Col. Qadhafi made the statement in Tripoli Saturday night to the group of Libyans who had been under siege in the Libyan embassy in London for 10 days (See story on page 2).

Col. Qadhafi said the Libyans in the mission had been "victims of an air and ground armed attack."

This appeared to be a repetition of Libya's allegation that London police and the anti-Qadhafi demonstrators were responsible for the shooting.

Libyan officials had previously referred to a British police helicopter they said overflew the embassy that day.

British diplomats in Tripoli.

It began on April 17 when policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed in a burst of gunfire which witnesses said came from an emb-

assy window. She had been sheltering a demonstration by opponents of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

Britain broke off relations with Libya after failing to secure Col. Qadhafi's permission to search the embassy. It said the breach would take formal effect at midnight Sunday.

The government's critics want answers to a number of questions: Why was the embassy not placed under closer scrutiny after it was taken over by militant Qadhafi supporters in February?

Was the government warned by the United States intelligence services, as some press reports have alleged, that the demonstration might provoke bloodshed?

Why were embassy staff who were not accredited diplomats allowed to leave the country when they might have included the killer?

Meanwhile Britain's police and press played a guessing game Sunday over the identity of the gunman who killed the policewoman and most National Sunday newspapers said the police knew who the killer was.

Police would not comment on the reports, none of which gave the killer's name.

## Arafat to call PNC meeting next month

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Saturday, he planned to call for a meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC), parliament in exile, to be held next month in Algeria.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman told a news conference here: "I shall call for a meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algeria to discuss Palestinian developments."

"I shall also invite 5,000 Palestinians from (Israeli) occupied and non-occupied territories to another meeting in Algeria at the same time. They will be representatives of popular organisations who will be informed of the latest Palestinian developments."

Mr. Arafat, who arrived in Kuwait earlier Saturday, did not give a precise date for the PNC meeting.

The 450-member PNC held its last session in Algiers more than 14 months ago. Attempts to convene the PNC since have been delayed, mainly because of existing rivalries within Mr. Arafat's Fatah group, the PLO's mainstream faction.

Mr. Arafat's invitation to 5,000 Palestinians to be present in Algiers appeared to be on the lines of statements made earlier this month by one of his close aides.

Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) said Fatah would call for a conference to elect a new parliament if efforts to reconcile the rival factions failed.

Mr. Arafat Saturday expressed his support for Algeria's current efforts to reconcile PLO differences, but warned: "Those who pointed their guns against Palestinians or struck refugee camps have no place with us."

Describing his opponents within the PLO as "the hounds of some Arab states," Mr. Arafat said he would present the PNC's meeting with a list of the names of "those who struck the Palestinian revolution and infringed the independence of Palestinian decisions."

Mr. Arafat was received Sunday by Kuwaiti ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

## Donation campaign

Later on Saturday, Mr. Arafat addressed a rally of Palestinians living in Kuwait and said he was launching a donation campaign for "confronting the Israeli plans to Judaize Jerusalem."

Mr. Arafat said this was a decision adopted by the pan-Islamic committee on Jerusalem which met earlier this month in Morocco to discuss retaliatory measures against states that move their Israeli embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Noting that the pan-Islamic committee had decided that the member states of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) rupture ties with El Salvador and Costa Rica for having moved their embassies to Jerusalem, Mr. Arafat expressed the view that the two Latin American countries only took the move as "part of a U.S. trial balloon" to test how far the Arab counter reaction would go.

On other issues, Mr. Arafat pledged to bring back Egypt to the Arab fold "through the Palestinian doorway," but also said Egypt's return had to be based on a "distancing" of itself from the Camp David accords.

Egypt was ostracised by the PLO and the rest of the Arab states for the U.S.-sponsored 1978 Camp David accords which led to the Egypt-Israel treaty.

Mr. Arafat pledged "escalation" of Palestinian commando action in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The PLO chairman came from Iraq earlier Saturday and said he discussed with President Saddam Hussein and other officials the re-activation of the pan-Islamic mission that would try to end the 44-month-old war between Iran and Iraq.

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## Chernenko says Soviets ready to face any threat

MOSCOW (R) — President Konstantin Chernenko said Sunday the Soviet Union would "keep its gunpowder dry" and remain ready to counter at once any threat from the West.

Addressing steelworkers in Moscow, Mr. Chernenko also said that since East-West tension had increased, members of the Soviet public had urged the Kremlin to extend the working week and set up a national defence fund to boost Moscow's military strength.

"As long as military and political tension exists and as long as the nuclear missile danger from the U.S. and NATO overhangs our country, our gunpowder should be kept dry," Mr. Chernenko said in remarks reported by the TASS news agency.

"And we must always be on guard so that the correlation of forces cannot be changed in favour of imperialism and we turn out to be the weaker," he added.

The meeting, at Moscow's "Hammer and Sickle" Steelworks was Mr. Chernenko's first address to ordinary workers since he came to power in February.

Mr. Chernenko said members of the public had urged the Kremlin to lengthen the working week and set up the special fund in direct reaction to the worsening of East-West tension.

He thanked the war veterans, young workers and farmers who had made such proposals, but added they would not be necessary.

"Our economic capability, the new technical systems increasing the effectiveness of defence, make it possible to ensure reliably the security of the Soviet state and its allies without resorting to the proposed measures," he said.

Although he pledged living standards would continue to rise, the president's remarks appeared intended as a warning to the public that a large part of the state budget was going into defence and that sacrifices might be required.

## Epidemics claim 1,400 in India and Bangladesh

CALCUTTA (AP) — More than 1,400 people, many children, have died this month in India and Bangladesh from epidemics caused by contaminated drinking water, officials in the two neighbouring nations said Saturday.

In India 808 died of dysentery in drought-hit West Bengal state, 271 died of hepatitis in the western state of Gujarat and gastroenteritis killed 91 in northeastern Tripura state, Indian Public Health Ministry officials said.

Cholera — an intestinal disease like dysentery and gastroenteritis — has killed at least 250 residents in Bangladesh's Faridpur district, 80 kilometres from Dhaka, the capital, a local civil surgeon said. Another 4,000 people were reported under treatment for cholera.

West Bengal Deputy Public Health Minister Ambarish Mukherjee, told reporters in Calcutta, the state capital, that 180 people died of basically dysentery Saturday, raising the month-long fatality toll to 808.

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Accord seen as thaw in Cairo-Tripoli relations

# Egypt, Libya agree to resume air flights

CAIRO (R) — The national airlines of Egypt and Libya have agreed in principle to resume flights between the two countries interrupted in 1979, an Egypt Air official said Sunday.

The decision was made at a secret meeting in Tripoli last week attended by an Egyptian Ministry of Economy official and two Egypt Air representatives.

The surprise agreement, only one month after Egypt accused Libya of masterminding a bomb attack on the Sudanese radio station near Khartoum, could signal a thaw in bilateral relations, analysts here said.

The ministry official, Muhammad Fathi Abdul Latif, director general of foreign exchange administration, told Reuters that the two airlines also agreed to release funds frozen by the two countries following the break in air traffic.

He said the Egyptian Ministry of Economy had agreed to release about \$1.2 million belonging to Libyan Arab Airlines upon the release of about \$9 million of frozen Egypt Air funds in Libya.

The airlines have yet to agree on a date for the resumption of

flights, pending final agreement between the civil aviation authorities of the two countries.

But the Egypt Air official said the company hoped to resume flights this summer to handle thousands of Egyptian teachers returning from Libya for the holidays.

The 182,000 Egyptians working in Libya now travel to the neighbouring country through a third country, either Malta, Tunisia, or Greece.

The Egypt Air official said the company loses as much as 15 million Egyptian pounds (\$17.85 million) each summer season in potential revenue.

The official said air traffic between the two countries could resume 12 flights weekly. Flight details will be worked out by a joint technical committee expected to meet shortly.

Relations between the two countries have been strained since 1973 because of differences over

their Middle East policies and Libya's insistence over their Middle East policies and Libya's insistence on an Egyptian-Libyan merger.

Last month, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak ordered a high state of readiness in the armed forces on the western desert border with Libya following Libyan threats to assist revolutionary activity in Egypt.

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi threatened to organise a march to Egypt but the Egyptian government said this would be tantamount to aggression and would be dealt with as such.

The border between the two countries remains closed and Egypt has the bulk of its army stationed near it.

Unconfirmed reports have said that a special envoy of Col. Qadhafi met President Mubarak several times in Cairo and two other African capitals and discussed normalisation of Egyptian-Libyan relations. However, there has been no comment on the reports either from the Libyan authorities or the Egyptian government.



A policeman watches as a technician walks towards the deserted and shuttered Libyan embassy in St. James's Square in London Saturday (AP wirephoto)

## Libyans to continue 'revolutionary cause'

TRIPOLI (Agencies) — The former occupants of the Libyan embassy in London, expelled by Britain over the April 17 shooting of a policeman, met Colonel Muammar Qadhafi Saturday and vowed to continue their "revolutionary cause."

The Libyan diplomats and militant students, who returned home on Friday full of anti-British sentiment, had Saturday night scheduled a press conference at a Tripoli hotel but cancelled at the last minute when Col. Qadhafi summoned them to a meeting.

Libyan Television said they had "stressed to the brother leader (their) determination to continue the march forward towards confirming the people's authority."

The broadcast gave no other details of the meeting. Libya has officially denied involvement in the killing of the policeman, who was killed by an assassin's bullet during an anti-Qadhafi demonstration outside the Libyan mission in London. The expelled Libyans have denied British charges that the bullet was fired from the embassy.

It was not known what the Libyans had intended to tell the Western press at the aborted press conference.

Libya has not yet responded officially to London's announcement last Sunday that it was breaking diplomatic relations with Tripoli over the shooting.

A statement is expected to be issued shortly by the people's general congress, the Libyan equivalent of a parliament.

London withdrew its diplomatic staff from Tripoli this week and expelled the Libyans from the

embassy. In what might be a peace signal, a "basic popular conference" in Sabha, south of Tripoli, ruled against severing relations with Britain, reasoning that "relations are between peoples, not governments."

The conference are nominally independent people's forums, but always reflect Col. Qadhafi's will. The issue is academic because Britain already has severed relations. But London has said it has no quarrel with the Libyan people and wants good relations, provided Libya renounces violence.

The British embassy and the former ambassador's residence were locked and deserted Sunday. Two British diplomats have remained in Libya to take charge of a special interests section at the Italian embassy which will becofeth be responsible for British interests in Libya.

Troquato Cardilli, a special Italian envoy sent in to oversee the takeover, said Saturday former British Consul George Andersson and Administration Officer Reid Norton would receive diplomatic immunity following the shooting.

He noted that Libya, while not a party to the Vienna Convention guiding diplomatic protocol between nations, had claimed diplomatic immunity following the shooting. "The Vienna Convention is like the sand of the beach, the more you dig, the more sand you find," he said. "You can interpret it as you like."

## U.S. says it hopes Karami nomination will help reconcile Lebanese factions

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The U.S. administration hopes that Lebanese President Amin Gemayel's appointment of veteran politician Rashid Karami as prime minister will help reconciliation efforts among various factions in the strife-torn country, according to a State Department spokesman.

Deputy spokesman Alan Romberg, told reporters that the United States has "consistently supported Lebanese efforts towards formation of a more broadly based government and internal reforms necessary to achieve reconciliation among all Lebanese."

"We obviously hope that appointment of Prime Minister Karami and others as they are appointed (to the cabinet) will be

steps in that direction," he added.

Mr. Romberg would not comment on reports that Israel has asked for a U.S. apology over remarks made in Kuwait by the assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian affairs, Richard Murphy. Mr. Romberg did say, however, that he understood that news reports said Mr. Murphy's comments concerned "the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon."

"Our longstanding position on this," Mr. Romberg said, "is that all of the foreign forces should leave Lebanon without regard to the circumstances of their entry."

Asked about news reports that Mr. Murphy had said Syria was invited into Lebanon in 1976 but that Israel invaded the country in

1982, Mr. Romberg said, "I can't confirm what he did or didn't say. We have noted before Syria's position, taking note of its view of the different circumstances, but I can't confirm what he said."

When asked why he could not confirm what Mr. Murphy said, the spokesman said, "For one thing, I don't know. But we've noted before that Syria has said that it came in under different circumstances. That's, as I say, not really our point. Our point is that all the (foreign) forces, regardless of how they went in, should get out."

Told he appeared to be letting the reported Murphy remarks stand, Mr. Romberg repeated that "we're not going to comment on it."

## Bangladesh, Oman urge end to Iran-Iraq conflict

DHAKA (Agencies) — Bangladesh and Oman have called for an immediate end to the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq and reiterated demands for an Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories.

Their appeal came in a joint communiqué issued Saturday at the end of a two-day visit to Bangladesh by Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Al Alawi. Mr. Alawi met President Hossain Mohammad Ershad and had talks with Bangladeshi leaders on issues affecting the Muslim World, the communiqué said.

He visited Bangladesh five days after an Egyptian envoy handed a letter to Gen. Ershad from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on a new plan for ending the 43-month-old Gulf war.

Details were not disclosed, but a Bangladeshi source said it contained proposals for stationing a peace force along the Iran-Iraq border.

Mr. Alawi earlier told reporters his country could support the proposal if it had a chance of success. Iran has already rejected the Egyptian efforts to end the war because it says Cairo supports Iraq.

The joint communiqué also asked Israel to vacate occupied territories and help set up an independent homeland for the Palestinians.

Mr. Alawi later left here for Malaysia.

Yemen leader in Baghdad

Meanwhile, North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh, on an unexpected visit to Iraq, held a 30-minute meeting with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Mr. Saleh, who arrived in Baghdad Saturday night, was received at the airport by President Hussein and other leading Iraqi officials.

North Yemen is among Arab states supporting Iraq in its Gulf war against Iran.

Sabah to visit Japan

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah said Sunday he would visit Japan next month for talks on ways of ending the Iran-Iraq war.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters the trip would be in his capacity as a member of a seven-member committee appointed last month by the Arab League.

Sheikh Sabah was speaking to reporters after talks with a Japanese envoy, former Foreign Minister Yashio Sakurachi, who arrived in Kuwait Saturday night.

## Ozal continues Tehran talks

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal had a second round of talks Sunday with Iranian Premier Mir-Hossein Mousavi on a visit to Tehran overshadowed by an Armenian guerrilla attack shortly before he arrived.

Turkish businessman Isik Yonder, a longtime resident of Tehran, was shot in the head and critically wounded by gunmen on a motorcycle Saturday morning as he drove with his wife Sadiye to the Turkish embassy, where she works as a secretary.

The semi-official Anatolian news agency reported from Tehran Sunday that Mr. Yonder was still in a deep coma. His wife was only slightly hurt, it said.

The agency said Mr. Ozal discussed the attack, claimed by the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), with Mr. Mousavi Saturday night.

It quoted Mr. Mousavi as telling Turkish journalists after the meeting: "There are superpowers behind terrorism and we are determined to kill the roots of it."

The Yonder shooting was the second time Armenian guerrillas had hit Turkish targets in Tehran in a month. Two diplomats were wounded, one seriously, in a rash of attacks on March 25.

The main aim of Mr. Ozal's three-day visit is to further boost trade between the two countries which totalled \$2.3 billion last year.

## Court delays Israeli newspaper closure

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's supreme court issued an order delaying a decision by the chief military censor to close the daily newspaper Hadashot, a court official said Sunday.

The military censor on Saturday ordered the immediate closure of Hadashot on Friday, when the newspaper reported that Defence Minister Moshe Arens had appointed a senior officer to investigate the deaths of four Palestinian youths who hijacked an Israeli bus earlier this month.

Court clerk Yakov Avraham said that Judge Menachem Elov stayed the censor's order after

meeting the paper's managing director, Amos Schocken. The court met on Sunday morning to decide on the paper's appeal against the censor's order, he said.

Hadashot, a tabloid that began publication in March, reported on its front page on Friday that Mr. Arens had appointed the commander of the defence establishment Major General Meir Zorea, to investigate the deaths of the Palestinians.

The four commandos were killed after Israeli soldiers stormed the bus early the following morning. One Israeli woman soldier was killed and eight other hostages wounded in the attack.

Two of the commandos were killed in the attack, and army statements said the other two died of their wounds on the way to hospital.

But doubts were raised about the official version of events after photographers from Hadashot and other Israeli newspapers revealed they had photographed one or more men being led away from the scene by Israeli soldiers. One picture taken by Hadashot's photographer showed a man, apparently uninjured being taken away in handcuffs.



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18:05 Sports Round-up  
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### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

##### EXHIBITIONS

\* Important Orientalist prints of the 19th Century.  
\* Exhibition of paintings by Kamal Boulela at the Jordan National Gallery opens.  
\* Photographs exhibition by Saleh Dababneh opens at the Professional Associations Complex.  
\* The Bahrain Exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

\* Exhibition of important oriental prints from the 19th century at Alla Art Gallery.  
\* Australian graphic art Donnelle Patterson at Alla Art Gallery.

\* "Kamikaze" at the Goethe Institute at 8:00 p.m.

\* Zadiq in Destination at the French Cultural Centre at 4:00 p.m.

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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century Orientalist artists. Mountazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

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Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 71351.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 71751.  
Armenian International Church (Interdenominational) meets at Southern Baptist Church in Shmeisani, 663249.

#### PRAYER TIMES

06:26 Fajr  
04:50 Sunrise  
11:34 Dhuhr  
15:14 Asr  
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### FOR THE TRAVELLER

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09:45 Amman (RJ)  
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Syrian lira 101.7/ 102.3  
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#### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

An increase in temperature is expected, with northerly moderate winds. In Amman, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Lowlight temperature in deg.C  
Amman 8/23  
Aqaba 18/30  
Deir ez-Zor 9/28  
Jordan Valley 14/29

Yesterday's high temperatures:  
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## Jordan celebrates Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan, together with the Arab and Islamic Worlds, Sunday celebrated Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj, an occasion which commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's journey by night to

Jerusalem and his ascension and return from heaven.

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Saturday night held a religious ceremony at the Grand Hussein Mosque in downtown Amman at which the Minister of Awqaf and other leading Islamic dignitaries made speeches reminding Muslims of their responsibility to liberate Jerusalem and the holy places.

On the occasion, His Majesty King Hussein received cables of good wishes from Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat, speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi and Ahef Al Fayez respectively, senior officials and notable Jordanian personalities.

To mark the anniversary, all government departments, and public institutions remained closed Sunday and the streets of the main cities were bedecked with flags and other decorative designs.

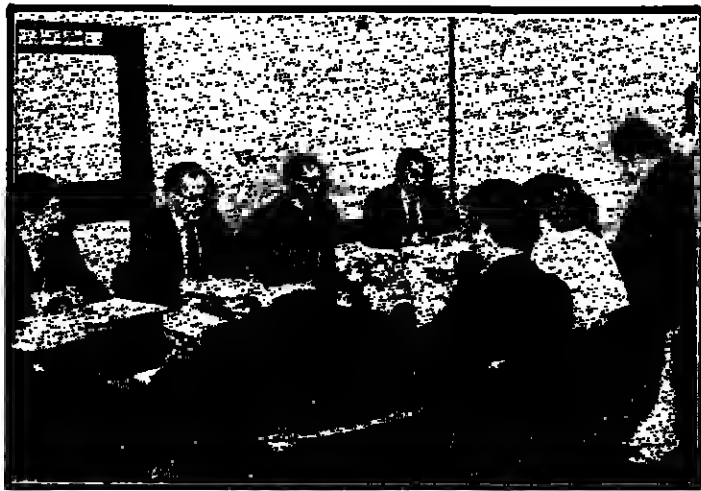
## Universities plan shelved

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Higher Educational Council will not issue licences to any private universities in Jordan for the next five years to allow sufficient time for the council to make a comprehensive assessment of the needs of higher education in the country, according to the council's secretary-general, Mohammad Nouri Shafiq.

Mr. Shafiq delivered the statement in reply to a proposal made in parliament recently by one of the deputies for Ma'an, Yusef Al Azm.

Mr. Azm had suggested that the government open the door for a private university to open in Amman and for a government-sponsored university to be established in Ma'an.

Dr. Shafiq said that the projected Mu'ta University project, which is expected to open in October, should be sufficient to cover the higher educational needs of the southern regions of Jordan.



A Jordanian delegation, led by Transport Minister Taher Hikmat (second from left), discusses transit trade and other matters with a team from Iraq headed by Minister of Transport and Communications Abdul Jabbar Al Assadi (Petra photo)

## Transit trade, transport firm discussed with Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq opened talks here Saturday aimed at settling issues connected

with freight charges on the transportation of goods from Aqaba to Iraq, ways to facilitate the passage of goods and other products between the two countries and matters pertaining to the work of the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company.

The Jordanian team to the talks is being led by Minister of Transport Taher Hikmat while the Iraqi delegation is being headed by Mr. Abdul Jabbar Al Assadi, Iraqi minister of transport and communications.

At the meeting, the general annual report on the 1983 finances of the company was read out.

Mr. Assadi later visited the central regions of the Jordan Valley and the town of Deir Alla.

He was briefed by officials and agricultural engineers from the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) on the agricultural projects in the region and the services JVA offers to local farmers, especially in the field of modern farming.

The Iraqi minister also visited the monuments of the unknown soldier and the King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan.

The minister was accompanied by Jordanian officials and the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan, Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan.

## Delegation arrives for Gabon population settlement talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is to take part in a conference on population settlement which is due to open in Gabon on May 1.

A delegation led by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hamdullah Al Nabulsi has gone to Gabon for the conference after taking part in a meeting of the Arab housing ministers' executive council in Tunis.

In the conference, the Arab group will seek the implementation of a U.N. resolution that called for the formation of a special committee to tour the

Israeli-held territories and to examine the effect of occupation and the Israeli settlement policy on the social and economic status of the Arab population, Mr. Nabulsi said in a statement before leaving Tunis.

**Information campaign**

He said that Israel had earlier refused to admit the U.N. committee into the occupied region

and the Arab states will now press for an international meeting to discuss the situation and to organise an information campaign to expose Israeli violations in the Arab lands.

According to Mr. Nabulsi, the Tunis meeting has requested Jordan to go ahead with preparations for holding a seminar on the pollution of the environment in the Arab World from July 10 to July 12 in Amman.

It also called on Arab countries to offer assistance to housing projects in the Israeli-held Arab regions.

## Italian team well pleased

AMMAN (J.T.) — An Italian delegation, which arrived here on April 25, has been impressed by the many achievements which Jordan has made in the field of development, according to Mr. Sergio Sangeorgi, the head of the visiting Italian industrial team, and Franco Falzan, one of its members.

The delegation met the minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Dr. Jawad Anani, who briefed them on Jordan's economy and the advantages to foreign investors being made by Jordan under the terms of the 1984 Investment Law.

Also, the delegation was briefed by Dr. Fariz, secretary-general of the National Planning Council.

Mr. Fariz gave them a briefing on Jordan's development since 1948 and the stable economy which Jordan has succeeded in establishing.

The delegation also met Dr. Bassam Al Saket, president of the Pension Fund, who briefed them on the many projects which the fund has achieved and is planning to pursue in the future.

Mr. Sangeorgi commented: "I was extremely happy at and honoured by the hospitality extended to me and the delegation by the Jordanian officials and employers of the private sector."

## 'Obeidat: Wheat growing areas to be enlarged

AMMAN (J.T.) — In its drive to ensure food security for Jordan, the government intends to increase the area of land grown with wheat, Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat was quoted as saying in an interview with Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspaper.

It said that the prime minister was speaking Saturday while on a tour of Yajouz and Al Hasani districts where he inaugurated vocational training centres and an automated bakery.

"Of course there are financial

obstacles in the way of our aspirations but we will do our best to overcome them and find the necessary funds for such essential projects," the prime minister said.

Referring to recent government measures to increase customs duty on imported luxury goods, the prime minister said that these measures will be followed by others on other products which are not considered basic commodities for our people, while the fees already imposed on luxury goods will be further increased.

## THE BRITISH LADIES OF AMMAN MAY FAIR

The British Ladies of Amman annual May Fair in aid of charity will be held on Tuesday 1st May in the Garden of the British Ambassador's residence, Jahal Amman - between 3rd - 4th Circles.

It will include: Stalls selling books, cakes, jams, games, handicrafts, teas, soft drinks and light refreshments available; Scottish pipe will play at this event.

Gates will open at 11:45 a.m.  
Entrance fees: 500 fils for adults, 200 fils for children

Proceeds will go to several Jordanian charities.

## Body promotes sport for mentally handicapped

By Afifah A. Kaloti  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Highness Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, president of the Jordanian Sports Federation for the Handicapped, discussed Saturday with the director of the Special Olympic International (SOI), Frank Hayden, the possibility of providing Jordan with assistance to develop the sports sector for the mentally handicapped.

Giving a brief account of the SOI, Dr. Hayden, at a press conference held Saturday at the Amra Hotel, said that the organisation, which is based in Washington D.C., was created 16 years ago to provide international sports competition for mentally retarded children and adults.

"We are not concerned, like other Olympic organisations in the performances as such, our concern is that individuals feel part of society and good about themselves."

The SOI, which was established by the Kennedy Foundation Dr. Hayden added, has branches in 53

countries and has a strength of 1.25 million mentally retarded athletes who are trained to participate in the international Olympic Games.

"Every four years, Olympic Games are held on a large scale with one million mentally retarded people taking part."

Dr. Hayden explained that there are summer and winter games conducted every four years, but at different times. "For instance, our next winter games will be held in 1985 while the next summer games will be held in 1987," he said.

On how the participants are categorised at these games, he said that it is not done according to IQ but competitors are grouped according to age, sex, and ability.

"We have groups with ages that varies from eight to 20,20 to 29, and from 30 and above," he said enlarging on the subject.

Regarding the SOI's resources, Dr. Hayden said that the Kennedy Foundation provides an annual grant in addition to the support of the various corporations fund raising

activities and the funding of each participant country.

On the aim of his visit to Jordan, Dr. Hayden said it is to discuss ways and means to assist Jordan in developing this sector for the mentally handicapped and "in that way Jordan will become a member in this international movement."

He added that one of his goals is to have Jordan represented by a national team at the Olympic Games. "We are not merely interested in developing teams for we also want to establish and develop representative bodies from each country with which we can deal."

Regarding the kind of assistance the SOI can provide Jordan, Dr. Hayden said that the most important of these is to train people to be responsible for the well-being of the mentally handicapped.

We intend to develop these 'expertise by' either sending them on-the-job training in the training sessions for the Olympics or by sending existing sports experts to train the people concerned in the

relevant organisations in Jordan," he said.

He added that the assistance might also involve the provision of equipment and materials that will help develop the sports sector in Jordan. "The main problems facing Jordan in this respect are qualified trainers and materials in addition to the shortage of playing areas."

Being his second visit to Jordan, Dr. Hayden pointed out that he had already been able to promote the need for sporting activities for the mentally handicapped and had developed a clear idea of the kinds of help that would promote the sports sector for the mentally retarded people.

During his second visit, Dr. Hayden met representatives from societies dealing with mentally retarded children and discussed with them the problems faced.

After a one-week visit to Jordan, Dr. Hayden went back home Sunday to discuss with his organisation the kind of assistance it can best provide Jordan in the future.

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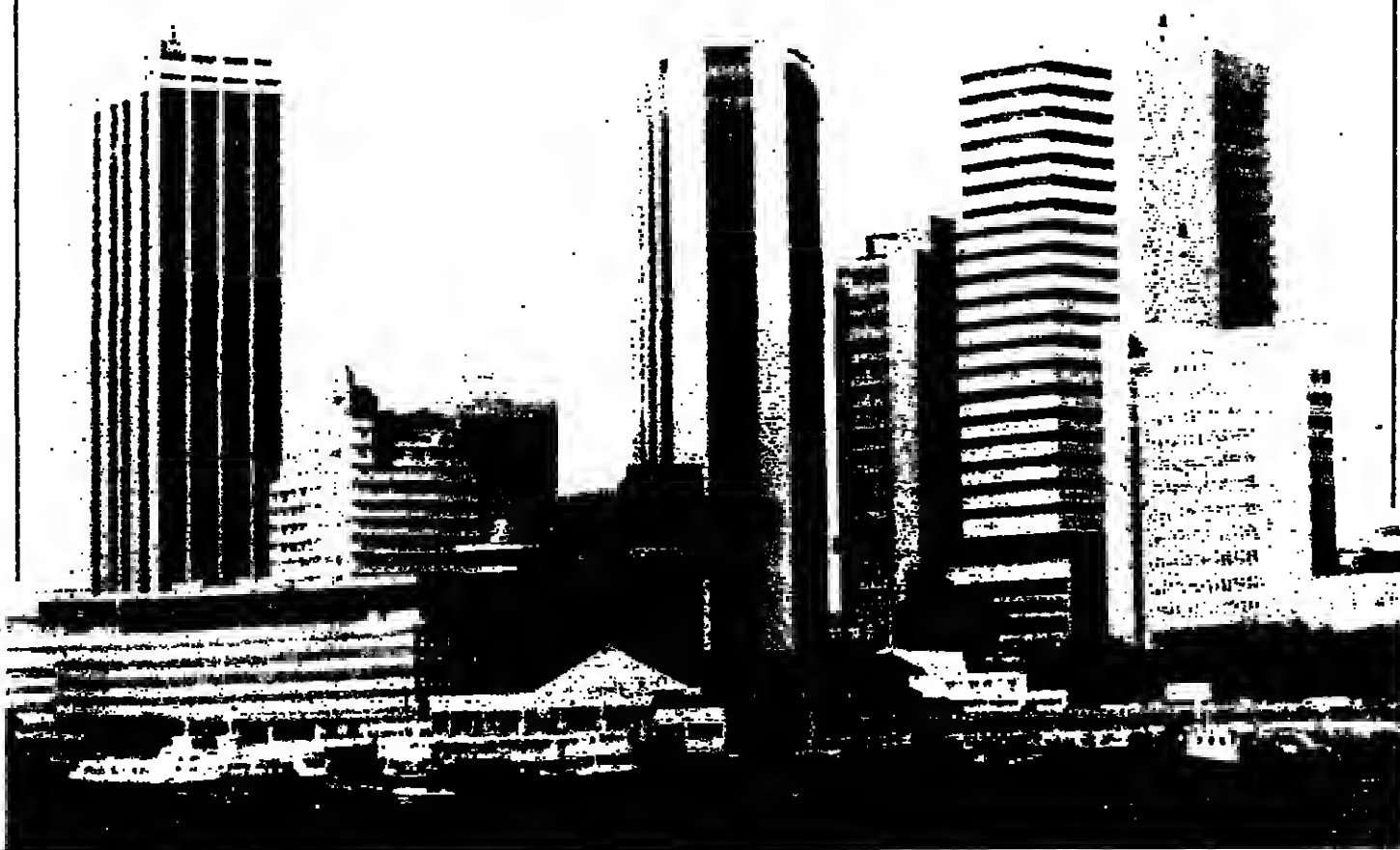
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## Benvenisti says what?

ISRAEL'S absorption of the West Bank and Gaza has passed the "critical point," transforming the Israeli-Palestinian conflict into an "internal, ethnic strife between superiors and inferiors" with potentially sinister implications for Israel. The whole political discussion, which is based on the premise of achieving a Middle East settlement through exchanging territory for peace, is irrelevant and has been overtaken by events. A Labour victory in the upcoming Israeli elections could not possibly produce adequate results to reverse the inevitability of annexing the occupied territories. Israel has in effect become a "dual society," faced now with the prospect of indefinitely ruling more than a million Arabs "who will not have full democratic rights."

These are the conclusions of an extensive study directed by an Israeli expert, Meron Benvenisti, and centred on the extent of Israeli presence in the West Bank. The study was published by the American Enterprise Institute in Washington last week.

Benvenisti is known to be an Israeli dove who has conducted research on the occupied Arab territories for years. His findings should be taken seriously by all, not in the least by the Arabs, because their implications on the future of this area and its peoples can neither be underestimated nor ignored.

Washington, upon hearing the report, was quick to say that it was sticking by its policy of "territorial compromise" as enunciated by the Reagan proposals of Sept. 1, 1982. That is the official line, an administration spokesman said, although other officials appeared to be more sceptical and promised to take up the questions raised in the report with Benvenisti when they met with him personally later on. In Israel, the findings seem to have been common knowledge for some time now, and the heated debate that they might have started otherwise apparently has for long been in the air. How serious the split is between the Herutniks and the Labourites over Israel's future is itself a matter of debate; what should matter most, however, is how the Arabs themselves view the whole question of occupation and the Judaisation of what is left of the occupied Arab territories.

It is a vital question that nobody should prejudge or attempt to answer without the full knowledge of what an historic, eternal conflict entails and of what the consequences of giving in to the enemy's dictates could be. There is a lot to be thought of, said and done in either case. It is now or never that we Arabs make up our minds which way our conflict with the Israelis should go. Hesitation has already cost us much more than we can afford.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: A holy occasion

OUR CELEBRATION of Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj this year coincides with the completion of 17 years of Israeli occupation of Arab lands. It also comes at a time when the Israelis are intent on maintaining Jerusalem as their capital with total disregard to the city's status and its Arab and Muslim characters and holy places.

Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj is not an ordinary occasion, but rather a religious and spiritual one which reminds us of Prophet Muhammad's nocturnal journey to heaven. It is also an occasion for the Arabs to remember that they have a duty and a responsibility towards Al Aqsa Mosque and the other holy places in Palestine.

The Arabs and Muslims must examine their position carefully, plan to restore their rights and to liberate their usurped lands from Zionist occupation. The will of the Arab and Muslim people should never be defeated and the conspiracies of our enemies must be aborted with determination and courage.

The Zionists are speeding up the implementation of their designs in our holy land and therefore, it is incumbent upon us to find effective measures to respond to these plans if we really want to recover our land.

### Al Dustour: Save holy places

AL ISRA' WAL MI'RAJ feast comes at a time when the Arabs are divided and their holy places are occupied by the Zionists. In this divided the Arabs must find lessons which they must comprehend and act by, so that they can get rid of Zionist colonialism and end Israeli occupation of Al Aqsa Mosque and the other holy places in Jerusalem.

The Arabs must find means for maintaining Al Aqsa Mosque and other holy places in Muslim hands in order to ensure peace and stability in this region.

The Arabs and the Muslims must remember Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj and derive religious and sublime meanings from it and work towards restoring their usurped lands and stop further desecration of places of worship by Zionist fanatics and occupiers.

Jerusalem and its holy shrines look to the millions of Muslims and Arabs to save it from this ordeal, and its people and those of the occupied Arab regions expect from us to go to their aid and remove the traces of occupation and restore peace and dignity to them and to the holy land.

### Sawt Al Shaab: No real distance

IT SEEMS difficult for the Arabs to differentiate between Israeli and American stands with regard to problems pertaining to the Middle East. The policies of Israel and the U.S. are intermixed so closely that it is hard to tell whether the U.S. will honour any commitment it makes or whether it will maintain the same policy on certain issues.

The Zionists seem to have shaped U.S. policies to their own benefit without offering in return any moral, political or any other kind of commitment. The U.S. is offering Israel \$4 billion this year in economic and financial help, and it is supplying it with the most sophisticated arms and technology. Moreover, the U.S. is allowing Israel to sell arms to El Salvador and other nations and offering it all facilities on the international market.

Washington condones Israel's actions in the Arab region and supports its expansion in Arab territory. It helps it to expand in the African continent and offers it unlimited guarantees for continuous growth. Therefore, the Israeli and American policies could be considered as one, and this proves the extent of U.S. collusion with Israel over policies and issues not only pertaining to the Arabs alone, but to the whole world.

# Britain failed to get other support than America's

By David Mason  
Associated Press

LONDON — The United States, whose foreign policy is frequently criticised here, appeared Tuesday to be the only Western ally four-square behind Britain's break in relations with Libya.

Other reaction, even from Britain's closest West European allies, was muted or nil, an Associated Press survey showed.

Britain on Easter Sunday broke diplomatic relations with Libya following the shooting of a London policewoman and the wounding of 11 Libyan dissidents demonstrating outside the Libyan embassy. British officials said a machine-gun burst came from inside the embassy and called it a

"barbaric outrage."

Within hours of the shooting, the U.S. State Department condemned Libya, with spokesman John Hughes calling the incident "absolutely scandalous."

When Britain broke relations, President Ronald Reagan's administration gave its full support for the action. Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said the United States felt the decision was "totally appropriate... and we support it without reservation."

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on April 10 bluntly criticised the American mining of Nicaraguan ports as "very dangerous to international traffic on the high seas."

And last October she taxed the United States for what she termed

"walking into" Grenada in a U.S.-led invasion. She said if the United States continued to invade countries on grounds of leftist takeovers "we're going to have really terrible wars to the world."

West Germany, Britain's major ally in the 10-nation European Economic Community, by late Tuesday maintained silence on London's break with Libya.

The French Foreign Ministry said only it "deplored the violation of international conventions and principles" which led to the British-Libyan diplomatic crisis. There was no elaboration.

An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman, who could not be quoted by name, said the rupture in relations, between London and Tripoli was a "bilateral question." Italy has, however, agreed to re-

seet British interests in Libya.

Denmark, another European Community ally, had no comment. Asked if this indicated disapproval, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bent Skov said, "It indicates nothing at all. We just haven't issued a statement."

Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry said Britain's decision to expel Libya's diplomats was not justified. He said he didn't believe the behaviour of Libyan diplomats abroad had put them "outside the courts" of diplomatic relations.

In Vienna, Robert Wiesner, spokesman for the Austrian Foreign Ministry, had no comment on Britain's break with Libya, but he said: "We are ready to make a contribution to resolve the conflict."

Austria is one of the few West

European countries which has openly befriended Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi, once receiving him on a state visit.

There was no further West European reaction Tuesday.

But the Soviet Communist Party organ Pravda said the shooting incident was part of a provocation coinciding with an anti-Libyan campaign by the United States.

British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Iain Sutherland, Tuesday protested to the Soviet Foreign Ministry about the Pravda report which said the shooting was Britain's fault.

Earlier, Moscow Radio said: "There were more than sufficient grounds" for believing Libya's charges that Britain served diplomatic relations at Washington's

instigation. And the Czechoslovak news agency said Britain likely used the incident as a "pre-text for teaching a lesson to a state which pursues a consistent anti-imperialist, anti-imperialist and anti-American policy."

Although there was scant public reaction from Britain's other Western allies, a Foreign Office spokesman said there was "general approval" registered privately. He gave no details.

Richard Luce, a Foreign Office undersecretary dealing with Libya, said Sunday that Britain had contacted other governments and asked them "to do what they can to give encouragement and support to a peaceful resolution of the (Libyan) problem."



## Greek Socialists hope to bolster public support at home through EC elections

By Neocosmos Tzallas  
Reuters

ATHENS — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, whose Socialist government is facing growing strains after nearly three years in power, plans to use European parliamentary elections in June to bolster public support at home.

While presenting a centrist list of candidates, the Socialists are using less moderate rhetoric to recapture votes from the country's Left wing.

Mr. Papandreu himself has said the outcome of the European elections will have significance for the government's popularity. Analysts say a defeat for the Socialists might even provoke him to seek early elections for the national parliament.

The ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) swept to power in October 1981, taking 48 per cent of the vote.

Greece has since then seen relative industrial peace. But recently the country has experienced a wave of minor but annoying public sector strikes, a sign the Greek Communist Party may be ready to renounce its tacit arrangement with PASOK to keep labour unrest to a minimum.

Inflation, now over 20 per cent and the European Community's highest, low investment and high unemployment have all taken their toll on the government's popularity.

The middle class has been angered by an austere incomes policy, and controversial internal reforms and a stumbling foreign policy have hurt the Socialist Party's prestige, analysts said.

The main opposition party, the conservative New Democracy, headed by political veteran Evangelos Averoff appears to have gained new electoral strength.

Recent elections among university students and other professional groups, such as lawyers,

doctors and engineers, also indicate that a swing of public sentiment to the right may be underway.

However, PASOK intends to defend its position by invoking the threat of a return to right-wing rule, which they identify with repression and economic inequality, and the threat of "Turkish aggression."

In the run-up to the European election campaign, Mr. Papandreu has blamed the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) for encouraging what he calls Turkish arbitrariness over the divided island of Cyprus.

He has also implicitly criticised U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, urging him to take a more pro-Greek stand in the Cyprus dispute.

Analysts attribute Mr. Papandreu's renewed anti-Western stridency to an effort to regain Left-wing voters while keeping peace with the Communist-

dominated trade unions. On the internal front, in the last cabinet reshuffle he brought in more moderate politicians in an effort to attract centrist voters, who were the backbone of PASOK popularity three years ago.

PASOK's ticket for the European Parliament is also expected to include centrist politicians. Centre-Left elder statesman George Mavros, a former deputy premier and foreign minister, is expected to head the list. He is seen as a guarantee against such extreme moves as withdrawal from the European Community and severance of relations with NATO.

Mr. Papandreu is looking for popular support with a variety of other promises, including pledges to destroy all political files held by security police, to reduce unemployment and provide more rural jobs, and to introduce a more liberal army code to minimise the possibility of an army coup.

## Yugoslav authorities re-assert control

By Richard Balmforth  
Reuters

BELGRADE — A surprise crackdown on dissidents that has unnerved many Yugoslav intellectuals is being seen as a move by the Communist authorities to re-assert a tighter grip inside the country.

A police raid last week in which veteran dissident Milovan Djilas, 72, and 27 others were seized at a private Belgrade apartment was the biggest operation for years against critics of Yugoslavia's socialist system.

Diplomats say it dramatically illustrated that a significant part of the leadership, faced with huge economic problems, sees the need to re-assert authority inside the country and end an impression of indecisiveness.

The move has induced a new air of caution in Belgrade's intellectual community, some of whom fear it could herald a return to the authoritarian ways of the Tito era.

Some diplomats believe it could tarnish the moderate image enjoyed by Socialist, but non-aligned, Yugoslavia in the eyes of Western governments who are contributing to a vital financial rescue package.

"It is too early yet to evaluate how much this will hurt Yugoslavia's image in the West. But the affair will be a sharp reminder to some that this country has strong Communist roots," said one Western diplomat.

The government of Milka Platinic has so far refrained from public comment on the affair. Many Western diplomats interpret this as indicating that a high-level evaluation of the reaction abroad is still going on.

But there are signs the authorities intend to maintain the firm line against internal dissident. In one of the few high-level comments, senior League of Communists member Zika Radujovic said on Tuesday: "With the use of all means at the disposal of a civilised state we shall not tolerate such activities."

A statement by police the next day said that similar action would be taken against such meetings in the future.

Diplomats believe the carefully-mounted operation was authorised at a very high level, possibly by Yugoslavia's collective nine-man presidency, since it involved such a controversial figure as Mr. Djilas.

Mr. Djilas, an old foe of the Yugoslav Communist system both during and after the long rule of the late President Tito, was giving an informal lecture on Yugoslavia's nationalities policy to the group when the police burst in.

His release without charge just over 18 hours later indicated the authorities' quick decision to limit bad publicity abroad from the affair, diplomats said.

All those detained, who at one point also included Mr. Djilas's lawyer, Srdjan Popovic, were subsequently released. Criminal proceedings on a charge of hostile propaganda have been opened against two of them.

The police swoop took place against a background of steadily growing social freedom in Yugoslavia since Mr. Tito's death four years ago.

The freedom of opinion in the once tightly-controlled press and the growth in popularity, for example, of public discussion groups outside state control are just two phenomena which have caused edgy public reaction from some conservative political figures.

Some diplomats believe such anxieties have been compounded by fears that the country's economic problems could breed the beginnings of a political opposition threatening the one-party system.

One puzzling aspect of an odd case is that police have described last week's gathering as "illegal". The group had been meeting regularly for several years untroubled by police though without Mr. Djilas.

Some diplomats believe the police operation was intended to re-assure conservative members of the power structure that a firm hand is being maintained at the centre of the federal structure in spite of the economic crisis.

The timing may have been influenced by the fact that a new collective presidency is due to be sworn in on May 5 to run state affairs for the next 10 years.

"Friday's operation could be seen as a move to tidy up the house for the new state leadership," one diplomat said.

Some believe that by releasing almost everyone without charge the authorities have more or less admitted to a blunder.

But others say it was clearly intended as a warning shot to the country's dissidents in general not to be tempted to organise themselves into a political opposition.

## Released film exposes Brazil military's role

By Michael Kepp  
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The military-backed regime has lifted a shadow on the leftist government it overthrew 20 years ago by dropping a ban of a movie about the leader of that administration, President Joao Goulart.

The film, "Jango" (the late ex-president's nickname) traces Mr. Goulart's rise to power, his years in office from 1961-1964 and his ouster by a right-wing military movement. It is sympathetic to the former civilian leader and unflattering in depicting the military regime still in power.

It also documents U.S. opposition to Mr. Goulart and support for the military takeover.

Censors banned "Jango" from a national film festival. But Justice Minister Ibrahim Abi-Ackel overturned the ban. The picture opened commercially in April.

"No country should censor a film that deals with its own history," said Justice Ministry Spokesman Antonio Simoes.

Silvio Tendler, the 34-year-old Brazilian who produced and directed "Jango" called the government's decision "politically wise" and "a victory for democracy."

Mr. Tendler, who was only 14 at the time of the coup, spent two years piecing together "Jango" using material from photo arc-

hives, newscast footage from 10 countries, private albums from the ex-president's family and more than a dozen film interviews with key political figures.

Military leaders who planned the takeover also are shown, to explain their view of the situation. The two-hour portrait of Mr. Goulart that emerges is one of a populist reformer, mistrusted by the military, which interpreted his nationalism as Communism.

Mr. Goulart was elected vice president in 1960 and came to power the following year after the abrupt resignation of President Janio Quadros. He was on an official visit to China at the time of the resignation, and the film tells how the Brazilian military considered shooting down his plane on its landing.

"Jango" shows Mr. Goulart's attempts to stimulate the growth of domestic industry and curb what he considered the "profit-steering" of U.S.-based multinational companies. It also documents the distribution of American government funds, under President John Kennedy, to anti-Goulart state governors.

Mr. Tendler raised the film's production cost from friends, colleagues and private backers, including Mr. Goulart's daughter. He predicted a successful run in Brazil, where many other once-censored topics have been passed.

Mr. Goulart died during his exile in Argentina.

## Internal dispute heading for showdown in Malaysia's main Chinese party

By Angela Tan  
Reuters

KUALALUMPUR — Malaysia's main Chinese political party, wracked by a bitter leadership dispute, seems poised for a serious showdown.

Tan Koon Swan, leader of a group of 14 expelled from the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) last month, said Sunday they would go ahead with an extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) Sunday although it had been rejected by party headquarters.

"The EGM will be held as scheduled on April 29. We have consulted nearly 30 lawyers and they are of the opinion that the EGM is in accordance with the party's constitution," Mr. Tan told Reuters.

Mr. Tan, a business tycoon who was expected to stand for president in party elections in July, gained the support of about 1,500 delegates who signed a petition calling for the EGM. The EGM calls for the re-instatement of the sacked 14, who included two deputy ministers.

But MCA's Acting President Datuk Neo Yee Pan rejected the petition Saturday after a central

committee meeting which called for the formation of an ad-hoc committee to look into allegation of "phantom members" in the MCA.

The 14 maintain they were expelled for insisting on an investigation into reports that Mr. Neo padded party lists with non-existent names to boost his chances in the party elections.

Mr. Neo denied the charge and accused the 14 of inciting a split in MCA, the second largest party in Malaysia's ruling coalition government.

Mr. Neo told a press conference that MCA headquarters, on examining the petition, found some false signatures and signatures of non-delegates. There was also evidence of pressure being used to force some to sign, he said.

"We view the petition as nothing more than an attempt by a group of disgruntled persons to grab power and overthrow the present leadership by unconstitutional means," said Mr. Neo, who is the housing minister.

Members who attended the meeting would have to face serious consequences as it had not been sanctioned by the party leadership, he said.

Political sources close to Mr. Tan said they had expected Mr.

Neo to reject the petition. "We have been expecting this and we will go all out to see that the EGM is convened," they said.

Former MCA President Datuk Lee San Choon, who still has much influence in the party, has been asked to step in as a mediator to resolve the crisis.

He told reporters that he would "tell all" if his efforts at mediation failed before the EGM. He did not elaborate.

Political analysts said the upheaval in the party would have serious consequences on the future representation of Malaysia's five million Chinese.

They said Mr. Neo and Mr. Tan were both keen to prevent an EGM as it would be a direct confrontation between the two rival factions that would leave a serious split in the MCA and the Chinese community.

But they said few choices were now left, particularly if Mr. Lee's efforts failed. "The party leadership has also now thrown a challenge on the convening of the EGM to the Tao camp," one analyst said.

Both Mr. Neo and Tan have mounted campaigns throughout the country to win supporters to their side, although a home minister has warned them against sti-

ring up racial sensitivities in a multi-racial society.

The party has issued suspension orders on most of the branches that voiced support for Mr. Tan and more than 70 branches are reported to have been suspended.

But four of MCA's 20 members of parliament and 27 states assemblymen have come out in open support for Mr. Tan, threatening to resign from the party unless Mr. Neo steps down.

Several veteran MCA politicians in the party's central committee have quit in the past week.

Mr. Datuk Loh Fook Yen, MCA's national organising secretary for the past 10 years, said he was leaving "to express my utter disgust at the high handed and arbitrary manner in which party affairs are being conducted."

Mr. Loh urged Mr. Neo at a press conference Sunday to open up the party membership lists so that members could check and clear up the issue of phantom members.

"We want an MCA that has honour and the respect of all the other communities. We want leaders who can stand up and say: I am not a phantom leader and do not represent a phantom party," Mr. Loh said.



## Management errors in a contracting market wrecked business

The past few years have not been easy for the shipping business. But Brostroms of Sweden can also blame its decline on many problems of its own making, reports Kevin Done.

STOCKHOLM — Brostroms has been a long time dying. At the beginning of the 1970s it was still one of the world's biggest shipping companies with a history stretching back to 1865. It has fought through crisis after crisis in the last ten years — the company was rescued by the state once before in 1978 — but the legacy of a series of disastrous management errors, earlier family feuds and not least the general recession in world shipping and shipbuilding finally threatened to sink the group.

Accumulated losses of around SKr2 billion (\$260.9 million) run up over the last nine years could only be balanced by the forced sale of ships. The group has finally shed many of its extraordinary loss-makers, but only at great cost, and in the process it came close to exhausting its reserves.

"We have lived out of the larder

since 1974," admits Buster Hultman, vice president and chief executive of Brostroms liner division. "The perils have gone, but we don't have the strength to go on."

Since 1974 the Brostroms fleet has shrunk from 61 to barely 20 vessels. Its workforce has been drastically cut to around 3,000 from nearly 12,000 and the bright new ventures started during the past decade have, without exception, been sold off at great loss.

"We had lots of expansion, innovation and action," says Buster Hultman ruefully, "but we have had lots of bad luck and have had to retreat on all counts. We didn't lack innovation or the ability to act. It was just the reverse — we did too much."

The latest withdrawal came a few weeks ago with the decision to pull out of Hoverspeed, the loss-

making cross-Channel hovercraft company Brostroms had been operating with British Rail. It was sold for a nominal sum to the Hoverspeed management and Brostroms had to take a write-off in its books of SKr151 million. Brostroms was the pioneer of cross-Channel hovercraft services with its company Hover-Lloyd, but its pioneering spirit has gone unworried.

Some of the misery suffered by Brostroms has certainly been shared by the rest of the shipbuilding industry. It was not exactly alone in the head-log rush into super-tankers and massive bulk carriers in the early 1970s, and it had to sustain heavy losses to retrench in 1976.

Also it was unfortunate that Brostroms entered the shipbuilding crisis about a year earlier than most other yards in Sweden. The state extracted a heavy price to enable Brostroms to pull out of its Erikberg yard in Gothenburg; it took over the yard for

a nominal SKr1,000, but only after Brostroms had strengthened the yard's finance and had agreed to order vessels at prices well above the market rates. The measures cost the group around SKr500 million.

Brostroms sailed into other storms, however, which were entirely of its own making. Having taken a beating over the withdrawal from shipbuilding, it proceeded to buy up Incostrans, the freight division of the Netherlands-based Holland America Line, at a dangerously inflated price. "We paid too much for the company," admits Hultman. "We bought at the top of the market."

Incostrans has been a millstone around Brostroms' neck since 1975. Last year it finally managed to deconsolidate the troublesome subsidiary by passing on 43 per cent of the equity to its management, retaining only a 50 per cent stake.

The Incostrans takeover was an attempt by Brostroms to broaden

its market in the face of growing international protectionism and to get a foothold inside the European Community.

At the same time that it was paying over the odds for Incostrans, Brostroms ambitiously also acquired another domestic shipping company, Swedish Lloyd, which was chiefly active in North Sea passenger and freight services. In 1981, the weight of losses forced it to bow out of that venture too, again only after it had cost the group several hundred million kronor.

Much of the rash expansion of the 1970s occurred under the new broom management brought in from outside to save the group from earlier intermeddling family feuds. During the 1960s it was private affairs that dominated the headlines about the group, not least the marriage of the then head of the group, Dan-Axel Brostrom, to a London night-club dancer and stripper, Annabella.

Brostroms started this year close to bankruptcy and with the state refusing to guarantee a further loan for building the group's new container ship. The operations were back virtually where they started 20 years ago, minus the transatlantic passenger liners. What remained were the cargo

liner services to the Far East, North America and the Mediterranean — chiefly through its consortium interests in ACL (Atlantic Container Line), Swedish Orient Line, ScanDutch and Barber Blue Sea — a marine service division in salvage and towage and a small bulk and tanker business.

Losses (before tax and appropriations) totalled SKr382 million last year, the ninth loss-making year in a row, more than the deficit of SKr86 million in 1982.

The marine service division, the one profitable operation, has recently been sold to Brostroms' two main shareholders, the Asken and Investor investment companies, in order to provide an emergency SKr240 million cash injection. Under the restructuring plan the liner division with 12 vessels is to be transferred to Brostroms' arch rival in Gothenburg, Transatlantic, in exchange for new shares giving Brostroms a substantial minority holding in Transatlantic.

All that will remain of the once proud shipping empire is a holding company with a small but still loss-making bulk and tanker business based chiefly on chartered tonnage, plus the shareholding in Transatlantic. — Financial Times news feature.

Randa Habib's Corner

## Mind your spelling

LATELY, TELEVISION has improved drastically. The standard of programmes has become superior and the timing on the foreign channel is better. The same applies to the local programmes where social matters that are interesting to all are tackled. However, there is still something to criticise in the way interviews are made; while the idea is good the way an interview is conducted is not always accurate.

For all this small revolution to better our television, there are still minor problems that are quite irritating: regarding the spelling of programmes' titles, each time an announcement is made, one or two letters are missing. As such, they announce a "documentary" for the following day, or the programme "A Portrait of..."

As to "return to Eden", very popular with all, it is usually preceded by "Magazin Zero One", for the lovers of suspense a "thriller" called "Shade of Darkness". Even the names of actors of long feature films are affected by this phenomenon. Marlon Brando loses an "s" Sophia Loren an "r". Lee Remick her "i", and so many others, not to mention the titles of films that are sometimes difficult to guess.

However, this problem is quite simple and just requires a bit of attention, it shouldn't be that difficult to copy the title of a programme from a slide.

## Mali women, children drink mud



By Letta Taylor

ROME — Actress Liv Ullmann, just back from a fact-finding tour of drought-stricken Mali, said Tuesday that women in the West African nation were forced to "drink mud" and that three out of every 10 children there died of hunger or disease before reaching the age of five.

"I saw women who were forced to drink mud. They scooped greenish slimy mud into their hands and served it to themselves and their children," Ms. Ullmann told a news conference marking the opening session of UNICEF's annual executive board meeting in Rome.

"The most shattering thing I learned from my visit was that 300 out of every 1,000 children will not live to be more than five years old" because of starvation and disease, said Ms. Ullmann, who is currently serving as a "goodwill ambassador" to the U.N. Children's Fund.

The 45-year-old actress arrived in Rome directly from Mali, where she spent five days on a special UNICEF mission. She cited hunger, disease and drought as the gravest problems affecting the

African nation.

"Each time you meet a child and ask, are you hungry, the child says yes. When you ask when will you eat again, he says, I don't know," Ms. Ullmann said.

The actress said that 85 per cent of the population did not receive medical aid and that "hospitals are empty because the population cannot afford them."

Crops were diminishing because of drought, and the desert is expanding at a rate of five kilometres a year, and "what you think are roads are dried river beds," she said.

The actress blasted spending on armaments and urged increased financial contributions to multilateral aid agencies.

"When millions of dollars each minute are spent on military equipment, isn't something wrong that we can't afford to keep children from starving?" she asked.

"The worst illness of today in the wealthier countries is indifference," Ms. Ullmann charged.

She praised current UNICEF projects in Mali designed to provide health education and launch free meal programmes in schools.

Mali also will receive \$1.2 million in UNICEF funds as part of a \$10-million aid package to provide drugs, medical equipment, food, water and sanitation facilities to 11 African countries; UNICEF executive James P. Grant said in an opening address to the executive board's conference earlier Tuesday.

The aid will go to Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Upper Volta and Zimbabwe. Mr. Grant told the conference held at the Confindustria Italian

Employers' Association.

Topics at the 12-day conference, which is being held for the first time in Rome, include child survival and ways to counter drought in Africa.

Mr. Grant was re-appointed to another five-year term as ex-

ecutive director.

Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen, who arrived in Rome Tuesday, addressed the conference Wednesday.

Delegates on Thursday met with Italian president Sandro Pertini and Pope John Paul II.



## Modern Peking has a faceless look

By Jeremy Clift  
Reuter

PEKING — President Reagan is visiting Peking in the middle of a vast building campaign which has turned large parts of the once-proud imperial capital into a giant construction site.

Cranes dot the grey skyline, newly begun and half-finished apartment blocks dominate the suburbs and construction gangs are digging deep trenches for sewers and a large gas pipeline.

Modern lorries speed past cars drawn by horses to deliver prefabricated material for the hectic building programme.

"So many aspects of the city's life have been disrupted by construction projects that torn streets, huge roadside rubble dumps and kilometre-long ditches seem commonplace," noted the English-language China daily newspaper.

The remorseless drive to modernise has left huge tracts of Peking, the political centre of China's 1.2 billion people, with a faceless look.

Only in the area around the forbidden city, home of the country's emperors for almost 600 years until the last was ousted early this century, can the older architectural styles traditionally associated with China still be seen.

In the cultural revolution unleashed by Mao Tse-tung between 1966 and 1976, destruction of the city's historical monuments almost turned into a crusade.

Only in the last six years have the authorities called a halt and decided to reverse the trend by restoring the sights of ancient Peking.

But they were too late to save the old city walls, pulled down in the late 1960s as part of what author Simon Leys once caustically called "the Maoist rape of the ancient capital."

The walls were razed to make way for a metro and a six-lane city ring-road, with two lanes for the armies of cyclists who peddle through the capital on their way to and from work.

Juliet Bredon, an expatriate living in the city early this century who published a book on Peking in 1919, described the walls at the time as "towering 40 feet above the Manchurian-Tartar city, higher than a two-storey building, broader than Fifth Avenue, these noble battlements encircle the city."

Today just a small stretch remains, and a couple of the old gates stand majestically beside new apartment blocks.

Chinese architects still argue if it was necessary.

"To this day, many people still feel it was a great pity," said Wang Yi, for more than 20 years an architect to Peking's city planning bureau.

But things are changing. Under the city's blueprint for modernising Peking announced last summer, 79 historic sites have been listed for special protection. And China is boasting again about its ancient cultural heritage.

Growth of heavy industry in the city is being halted and polluting factories coerced or resisted. Modern hotels are going up for tourists. Among the most notable is a Sino-U.S. joint venture called the Great Wall hotel, where most of Mr. Reagan's staff are staying.

The plan, approved by the Communist Party Central Committee and the government, defines the municipality's major tasks up to the end of the century as making the capital more beautiful and pleasant to live in, modernisation of management and public service facilities, and population control.

The Peking area's current nine million people will be held to about 10 million by the year 2000 by means of effective family planning and by encouraging citizens to move to the suburbs or further afield.

The planners envisage Peking becoming a metropolis supported

by more than 20 satellite towns, with those in agricultural areas catering to the capital's food needs.

Planners are stressing that old mistakes must not be repeated. Sewers and roads to building sites must be laid first, before construction starts. And some of the old one-storey courtyard houses in the centre of Peking are being restored.

For the average Peking resident the modernisation drive means a better, though perhaps less colourful, future. He now has the prospect of improved sanitation, dryer living conditions and the chance to buy more consumer products.

But Peking remains a city of strange contrasts. With dogs banned in the city, old men can be seen taking their pet birds in their cages to the park for a breath of fresh air.

The blues and greens of the shapeless Mao jacket still dominate, but some young girls now sport blue jeans and wear Western-style clothes to parties or in private.

And trees, ripped out in the past as part of Mao's plan to use all available land for growing cereals, are now back in fashion, with gangs of young cadres diligently planting to fulfil the latest plan.

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## Minister meets sports chiefs

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Youth Abdullah 'Oweidat held a meeting Saturday with the director general of the Youth Welfare Organisation (YWO), and representatives of the sports federations to discuss sports related issues.

The minister spoke about the need for modifying the sports federations' internal regulations and bye-laws and requested the participants to supply the ministry with lists of their needs in various governorates. The minister also urged the federations' representatives to take steps to strengthen voluntary sports activities

and said that prizes and awards and financial assistance will be offered to the sports clubs which offer such activities.

At the end of the meeting, the YWO Director General Mohammad Jamil Abu Al Tayyeb requested the sports federations to organise sports events on May 25th, Jordan's Independence Day.

Attending the meeting were presidents and secretaries general of the federations of football, basketball, volleyball, handball, cycling, athletics, chess, archery, weight-lifting, fencing, tennis, gymnastics, boxing, wrestling and racing.

## Alboreto romps to victory in Belgian Grand Prix

ZOLDER, Belgium (R) — Michele Alboreto took his place among Italy's sports heroes Sunday — by storming home first in the Belgian Grand Prix in a fabled blood-red Ferrari.

Alboreto had two earlier races to his meteoric career, but not at the wheel of the car Italians love the most.

The 27-year-old is the first Italian to win in a Ferrari for 18 years and the manner of his first triumph for the Maranello-based team was close to perfection.

He started the 71-lap third

round of the World Drivers' Championship from pole position and was never caught, not even during a brief pit stop for a tyre change.

Alboreto romped home with a 42-second advantage over Briton Derek Warwick, second in a Renault, and justifiably claimed his car ran like clockwork. "The Italian kind not the Swiss," he joked.

There was only one moment of drama, just before he made his halt. Alboreto skidded off on a left-hand corner but rejoined the tarmac without mishap. "My tyres were finished," he said.

## Iraq qualifies for Olympic soccer finals

SINGAPORE (R) — Iraq grabbed the last place at the Los Angeles Olympic Games soccer finals with a 1-0 win over South Korea in the Asia-Oceania qualifying group runners-up playoff here Sunday night.

Iraq's victory before 35,000 fans at the Singapore National Stadium gave the Middle East a clean sweep of the three Asian berths at the Olympic Games.

Saudi Arabia and Qatar earlier qualified as champions of Group 'A' and 'B' respectively in the ten-nation 16-day tournament.

Iraq, Group 'B' runners-up, completely shackled Group 'A' runners-up South Korea and their overwhelming defensive superiority restricted the South Koreans to two shots.

Iraq went ahead two minutes before halftime when sweeper Adnan Derjal Mattar took a pass from midfielder Matik Abidann and scored with a thunderous 35-metre shot.

They nearly added a second after 68 minutes when midfielder Matik Abidann's shot shaved a post.

## Amman Little League

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Jordan Express 32	Arab Wings 21
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Abaha 9	Telcom 13
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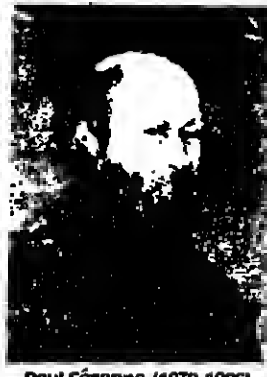
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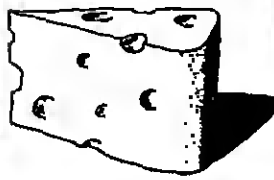
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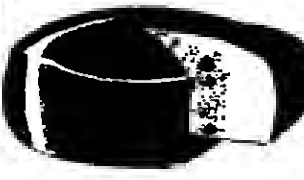
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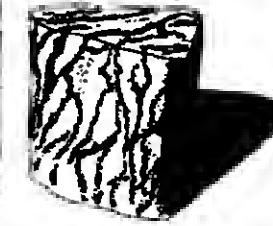
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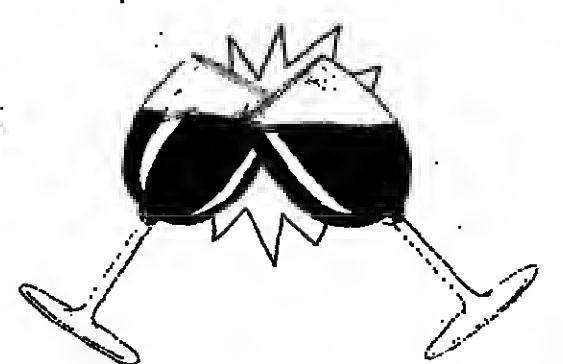
are nearly 400 kinds of cheese made from the milk of cows, goats or sheep. Many of them such as Camembert, Brie and Roquefort, are so magnificent that France's reputation could well stand on these examples alone. Every cheese has its own distinctive regional character and flavour, traditions and ingredients but the only way to understand the differences between French cheeses is to taste them.

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## Wapenhans to head Europe, MENA office of World Bank

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — World Bank President A.W. Clausen announced that Dr. Willi A. Wapenhans has been appointed vice-president for Europe, Middle East North Africa (MENA) region of the World Bank.

He succeeds Mr. Roger Chaboussier who has decided to retire from the service of the bank on June 30, 1984.

Dr. Wapenhans, a German national, born in 1931, joined the World Bank as an agricultural economist in 1961.

From 1965 to 1967, he served as head of the economics section of the agriculture division, and since 1967 was deputy director of the agriculture projects department.

He was appointed projects director in the Europe, Middle East and North Africa region in 1972 and became regional vice-president in charge of the same region in 1975. A year later, he moved to the vice presidency of the Eastern Africa region.

Dr. Wapenhans holds a doctorate degree in agricultural economics from the Justus Liebig University, Göttingen, Germany.

Before joining the bank, he served as assistant professor of economics with the chair of economic sciences and fiscal policy at the same university.

Dr. Wapenhans will assume the vice presidency of the Europe, Middle East and North Africa region starting July 1, 1984.

## China reports 10 per cent economic growth in 1983

PEKING (Agencies) — China Sunday released its full economic statistics for 1983, bearing out the country's recent economic successes but also revealing some unwelcome trends at a time when Peking seeks more foreign investment.

A report issued by the State Statistical Bureau said China's equivalent of Gross National Product (GNP) climbed 10 per cent during the year to 1,105.2 billion yuan (\$252 billion).

It said government efforts to stop capital construction investment running out of control were successful, with a 1983 rise of just 6.9 per cent, and more of the money invested went to key areas of the economy.

Sectors favoured were energy development, transportation, posts and telecommunications, education and scientific research.

Investment in retrofitting outdated factories rose by almost a quarter to \$17 billion.

For the peasant in the field and the city worker, 1983 saw a continued rise in living standards as top leader Mr. Deng Xiaoping's liberal economic reforms took firmer hold.

The report said a survey of more than 30,000 peasant households across China showed average annual per capita income rose 14.7 per cent in the year to some 310 yuan (\$150), though living expenses went up 12.7 per cent.

In the cities, the average annual cash wage for workers and office staff was \$26 yuan (\$390), a 3.5 per cent increase over 1982.

The report said retail prices rose overall 1.5 per cent in 1983, although fresh vegetables went up 12.7 per cent and fruit by 14.7 per cent.

In contrast the cost of clothing fell by 1.2 per cent.

Western economists said recently they believed China's true inflation figure was between eight and 10 per cent.

The statistics bureau report said agricultural and industrial output were both up.

But it added that, although grain, coal and oil production had hit 1985 targets two years earlier than planned, there was still a shortage of energy and some raw materials, as well as inadequate transportation facilities.

The report said heavy industry continued to forge ahead despite the government's attempts to hold down expansion in favour of light industry producing consumer goods such as bicycles, television sets and refrigerators.

The value of light industry output rose 8.7 per cent last year, while heavy industry production grew by 12.4 per cent.

Although China's grain output hit a record 387.3 million tonnes last year, the number of mouths to feed continued to rise.

The report said China's population at the end of 1983 was 1,024,950,000 an increase of 9.54 million from the previous year.

The bureau also listed the following 1983 national production statistics:

- 1.25 billion light bulbs, 27.58 million bicycles, 240,000 motor vehicles, 34.69 million wristwatches, 6.34 million television sets and 1.63 million tonnes of beer, a 40 per cent increase over 1982.
- China had a 1.65 billion yuan (\$825 million) surplus in its foreign trade last year, compared with a 5.66 billion yuan (\$2.83 billion) surplus in 1982.
- Exports rose 5.8 per cent to 43.8 billion yuan (\$21.9 billion) and imports 17.9 per cent to 42.18 billion yuan (\$21 billion).

## Japan to lend Manila \$189m

MANILA (R) — Japan has agreed to lend 42.5 billion yen (\$189 million) to the Philippines to help pay for urgently needed commodity imports and to finance projects.

The credit agreement, signed Saturday by Prime Minister Cesar Virata and Japanese ambassador Mr. Yoshio Okawa, provides \$156.5 million for the import of commodities. The rest of the loan will be used to finance three projects.

In addition, Japan will extend 13 billion yen (\$58 million) to help the Philippines reschedule foreign debts totalling \$25 billion.

The loans were delayed by several months after the Manila government clamped a 90-day moratorium on repayment of debts last October and opened talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a \$630 million standby credit.

"At a certain stage in the IMF talks, we were convinced that the Philippines had a good economic stabilisation programme in view," Mr. Okawa said.

Philippine opposition parties had urged Japan to delay the loan until after parliamentary elections, due next month.

Mr. Okawa said the elections had nothing to do with Japan's decision, which was motivated by a desire to help stabilise the Philippines' economy.

Almost the entire credit was to have been a projects loan but part of it was converted into a commodity credit following a request from Manila.

Bankers said the loan was certain to boost imports of raw materials urgently needed by factories. The delay in reaching an agreement with the IMF and debt rescheduling talks with creditor banks have reduced imports to a trickle and forced redundancies in many industries.

Japanese officials said the credit bears a concessional interest of 3.5 per cent and is to be repaid in 30 years, including a 10-year grace period.

## Jordan Gulf Bank affirms financial position is sound

By Samir Sh. Ghawi  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan Gulf Bank has assured its shareholders that the bank's financial position is sound and that the embezzlement which took place in mid-1983 didn't affect the bank's market standing and the rights of the shareholders.

Auditors Talal Abu Ghazaleh and Company noted in the bank's sixth financial report that although criminal charges were declared and penalties carried out against "others", exchanged financial lawsuits from both the bank and various other parties were still unresolved and that a final court decision is awaited on the financial entanglements.

Meanwhile, the bank's profit and loss statement as of Dec. 31, 1983 indicated that net profit declined by JD 139,294 in 1983 to JD 1.8 million as earnings fell slightly to JD 7.6 million (JD 7.7 million in 1982) and expenditures edged up marginally to JD 5.8 million. However, as the proposed 1982 JD 750,000 shareholders' cash dividend was not disbursed, the bank's overall profit amounted to JD 2.6 million.

The bank declared JD 600,000 to be distributed among the shareholders (12% of the one dinar nominal value of a share), allocated JD 0.4 million for income tax and boosted legal reserves by JD 0.2 million to JD 0.7 million, voluntary reserves by JD 0.3 million to JD 1.2 million, other reserves by JD 0.2 million to JD 0.6 million and retained earnings to JD 0.9 million from JD 0.1 million from JD 0.1 million in 1982.

Noting that the bank's capital is JD 5.0 million, current accounts and demand deposits plunged by about JD 2.6 million to JD 13.6 million while savings and time deposits increased by about JD 3.6 million to JD 41.5 million. In both categories foreign currencies featured prominently as the equivalent in Jordanian dinars shot up to JD 2.0 million from JD 0.5 million for demand deposits and to JD 12.2 million from JD 8.6 million for time deposits.

Cash collateral deposits rose by JD 0.5 million to JD 3.1 million. Local banks placements increased from JD 2.5 million in 1982 to JD 3.1 million in 1983 and under a new item classified as loans from banks and other financial institutions the amount stood at JD 1.6 million.

Of the JD 1.2 million appearing as various provisions JD 0.5 million was for bad debts, JD 0.4 million for income tax and the remaining sum was not specified. The bank also did not specify "other liabilities" totalling JD 3.1 million (JD 2.6 million in 1982) except to mention that it included JD 600,000 dividends payable.

On the assets side, investments at cost in government development bonds, treasury bills and debentures issued by seven public sector and public shareholding companies totalled JD 5.6 million, compared to JD 4.2 million in 1982. Undeclared investments at cost in shares of public shareholding companies nearly doubled to JD 1.5 million in 1983.

Cash in hand and at banks rose by JD 2.1 million to JD 16.2 million.

Overdrafts advanced to JD 25.9 million from JD 19.1 million in 1982, loans outstanding (including participations in syndications) edged up slightly by JD 0.1 million to JD 2.9 million and bills discounted fell sharply from JD 20.8 million in 1982 to JD 16.7 million in 1983.

The bank attributed the decline to expanded financing of trucks and lorries in previous years and that most of the bills discounted and relating to this field were paid in 1983. The bank, however, indicated that it has adopted a stricter stance to have customers meet their obligations promptly and in due time.

Fixed assets after depreciation increased by about JD 0.5 million to JD 1.3 million while other assets dropped by JD 1.7 million to JD 5.7 million. The amount represents transactions between branches and the general management accounts for JD 3.6 million, checks under clearing for JD 1.5 million, unearned interest for JD 0.2 million and prepaid expenses for JD 0.3 million and the remaining JD 0.1 million was key money and returned checks.

Letters of credit and letters of guarantee remained near constant at JD 7.7 million and JD 24.4 million respectively. Acceptances surged from JD 1.4 million in 1982 to JD 4.7 million in 1983.

Jordan Gulf Bank which expects to finalise its computerised operations scheme in 1984 and which operates 18 branches (10 are in the Amman area), announced on March 30, 1984 that the extraordinary meeting of its general assembly approved raising the bank's capital to JD 6.0 million. The JD 1.0 million raise which will be in the form of share bonuses at the rate of 20 per cent a share is now pending approval and processing from concerned government authorities. The increase will come from capitalising part of the voluntary reserves.

## S. Korean firms aim at high technology market

SEOUL (R) — South Korea's four "biggest" business conglomerates are making a major bid to enter the world's high technology electronics market.

Their efforts are part of a national drive based on the realisation that the country's economy can no longer be supported just by its traditional export industries such as construction, shipbuilding and textiles.

President Chun Doo Hwan has described technological development as the most important task in ensuring South Korea's economic survival.

The government announced earlier this year that it would inject up to 35 billion won (\$44 million) into the semi-conductor, bio-engineering and computer industries in 1984. Semi-conductors won the largest share.

South Korea's four industrial

giants — Hyundai, Samsung, Daewoo and Lucky-Goldstar — are planning huge investments in micro-electronics research and development.

Samsung is leading the drive with plans to produce the large capacity semi-conductor memory chips which dominate the world computer market.

It plans to invest \$100 million in semi-conductors over the next five years.

As well as producing up to six million 64 Kilobit dynamic RAM (Random Access Memory) chips a month it is working on more advanced 256 Kilobit chips which it hopes to be mass-producing by the first half of 1985, against stiff U.S. and Japanese competition.

Goldstar, the pioneer of the country's electronics industry and a subsidiary of the Lucky-Goldstar Group, also aims to

compete in the lucrative 256 Kilobit RAM chip market with plans to invest nearly \$200 million in the next four years.

"Small-scale production of 64 Kilobits can serve as a training course for our engineers who can then jump into the 256 Kilobits market," Goldstar executive Mr. Son Jong-Hyon said.

Daewoo will spend \$100 million on semi-conductors in the next two years, and will concentrate on developing microchips for telecommunications and computers, according to Mr. Park Song-Kyu, vice president of the Daewoo Telecom Company.

Hyundai is a newcomer to electronics but has an impressive \$450 million investment programmes.

Its new Hyundai electronics industry company will skip all preliminary stages and go straight

into manufacturing LSI (Large-Scale Integration) chips, starting with 16 Kilobits static RAM chips in early 1985.

Apart from the challenge of innovation in the fast-moving high technology market, South Korea also faces the problem of finance.

Officials of the Bank of Korea, the central bank, caution that overlapping investment may lead to wastage of funds and unnecessary competition among Korean manufacturers.

The bank is preparing a report aimed at preventing the repetition of the country's costly misadventure with heavy industry in the 1970s, the inefficiency of which partly caused the country's huge foreign debt of over \$40 billion.

Government and company officials argue that the dash for high technology is necessary.

## Greek debts, deficits surge

ATHENS (R) — The Bank of Greece, in its annual report on the Greek economy, reported a strong rise in the country's foreign debt and gave a worse picture of the country's budget deficits than had previously been expected. Mr. Dimitrios Halikias, governor of the central bank, said Greece's debt stood at \$8.3 billion at the end of 1983, compared with \$3.3 billion at the end of 1978. The bank report, saw the government's budget deficit rising by a nominal 9.1 per cent this year, compared with an estimate by the finance ministry last November of 6.9 per cent. Both figures represent real term falls if an expected 18 per cent inflation rate is taken into account. Greece's debt servicing ratio has doubled to 16 per cent between 1978 and 1983. The ratio is a widely used indicator of a state's debt situation. The current account shortfall, which determines how much a country needs to borrow abroad, was \$1.88 billion last year, little changed from 1982 but well below the record \$2.4 billion reached in 1981.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1984

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** This is a very good day to wind up whatever practical affairs that require more attention before they are completed. Look into ways to branch out in your money and other practical matters.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Good day for making collections, paying bills and solving problematical affairs. Be most careful in driving.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Get your health and appearance improved during the daytime so that you can be with important friends at pleasures.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Get into the quiet of your study and formulate a plan for gaining greater abundance. Be happy in the company of your loved one.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** A good friend can give you fine suggestions today after you have taken care of minute matters. Dress nicely tonight.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** You have procrastinated on career work and should now get caught up on them without delay. Think along constructive lines.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Get into work connected with a new project during the daytime before studying new interests tonight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Show business people you deal with that you are conscientious at your responsibilities. Clean out files and drawers.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Be sure to keep promises you have made to partners today. Come to a better understanding with an associate in the evening.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Be sure you handle duties very carefully today. Find some better way of pleasing a co-worker in the evening.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Be sure you handle the details of entertainment plans carefully in the morning. Drive with care.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Be sure to keep promises made to kin and be helpful in problematical affairs. Get caught up on routines.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** You can handle letter writing and other paper work very well today, so get busy on this. Keep an eye on your wallet.

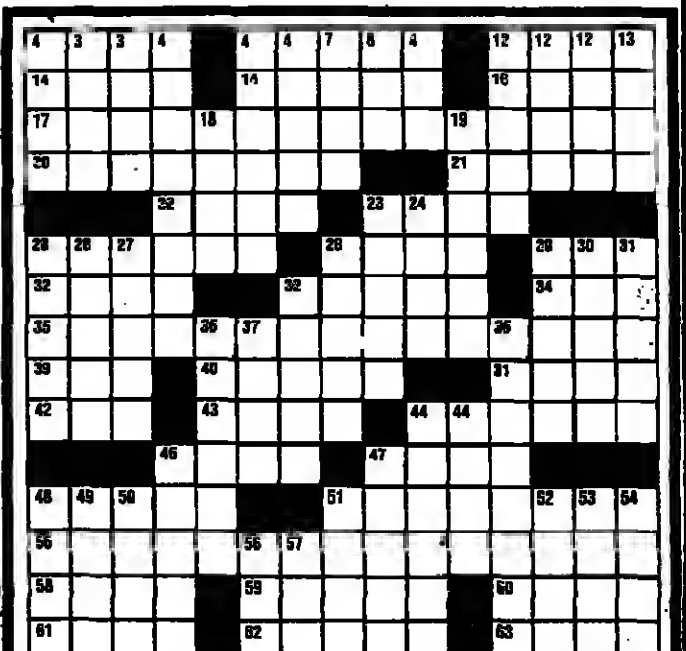
**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will have the ability to handle practical affairs well, so start education along business lines, and the lifetime could be phenomenal. This is one who will love the finer things of life. A good marriage and family life are denoted here.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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## THE Daily Crossword by Arthur W. Palmer

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## THE BETTER HALF

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## JUMBLE

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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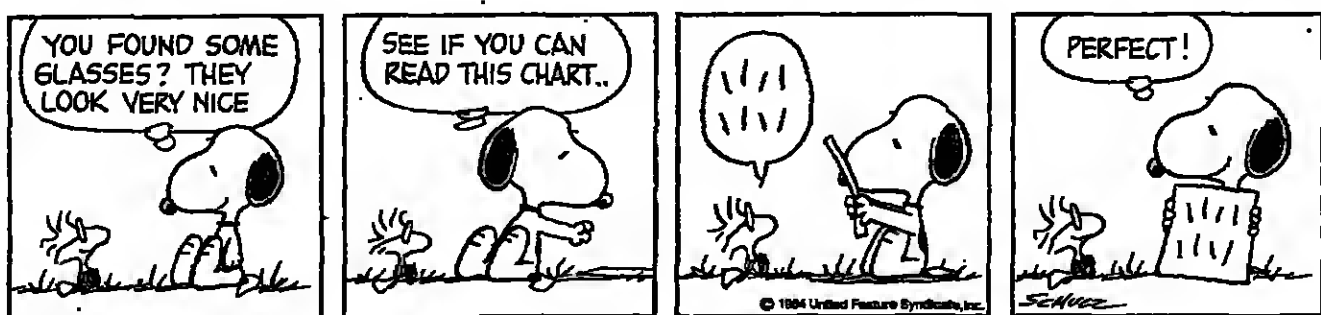
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AGLOW DAISY MEMOIR VANISH  
Answer: What you get if you eat too much — A "HANG OVER"

## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp





President, Nancy Reagan go sightseeing

# China stresses concern over U.S. arms sales

XIAN, China (Agencies) — Peking emphasised its persisting concern about U.S. arms sales to Taiwan Sunday as President and Nancy Reagan took time off to view a lifelike terra cotta army at one of China's oldest and most spectacular tombs.

Mr. Reagan posed for photographers beside ranks of pottery armoured warriors and their steeds after flying to Xian on the fourth day of his China tour to view what the Chinese call "the world's largest underground military museum."

A monument to a brutal ruler called Qin Shi Huangdi, the warriors guarding the 2,200-year-old tomb were discovered only in 1974, but have since become one of the country's most famous tourist attractions.

Excavators unearthed the ghostly terra cotta figures deployed round the tomb by the eccentric emperor to guard his mortal remains. They are now sheltered by a giant construction that looks like an aircraft hangar.

Mr. Reagan and his wife walked hand in hand round the museum and went down a specially constructed ramp to pose next to one of the sand-coloured ancient warriors standing four abreast in 11 deep trenches.

Standing by one of the clay horses, the former Hollywood cowboy star asked: "May I touch it? I know it can't kick me."

Walking over to a headless soldier, he leaned against it and jokingly offered his own head to make it complete.

Mr. Reagan, the commander-in-chief of American forces, then climbed up a wooden staircase to leave the trench, looked around and waved to the assembled models with an order: "Disperse."

They flew the 900 kilometres

from Peking to Xian, capital of Shaanxi province in northern central China, aboard Air Force One and drove the final stretch to the tomb site past fertile wheat and cotton fields.

The president, on his first visit to a communist country, was returning to Peking later Sunday, but his main talks with China's leaders are over.

After attending a signing ceremony Sunday morning for a nuclear co-operation agreement that could open the way for billions of dollars worth of U.S. reactor contracts, Mr. Reagan bids farewell to Premier Zhao Ziyang and flies on to Shanghai. He leaves for home on Tuesday.

The Chinese government emphasised Sunday its concern about continued U.S. arms sales to the nationalists on Taiwan in talks between Secretary of State George Shultz and Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The two met for one hour Saturday and two hours Sunday after Mr. Reagan's discussions with China's top leader Deng Xiaoping, when the Taiwan question was raised although they did not break any new ground, according to U.S. officials.

Mr. Reagan stood firm on his statements that while the United States was reducing arms sales to Taiwan he would not turn his back on old friends, the officials said.

Talking to Chinese Television, he said the United States wanted the Chinese to settle the issue of

reunification with the mainland through peaceful means and Washington would not become involved.

China regards the nationalist island as a rebel province and has offered to allow it to maintain its capitalist lifestyle if it returns to the fold.

Briefing reporters on the Wu-Shultz meetings, the Chinese spokesman said the arms sales issue needed an urgent solution.

He quoted Mr. Wu as saying U.S. sales were due to fall marginally next year "but the amount of reduction is very limited... if the reduction goes on at this speed, when can the issue of U.S. arms sales be solved?"

He said Mr. Shultz responded only by noting the Chinese position and declaring that the United States was standing by its agreements with China over Taiwan and was determined to carry them out.

## Soviet criticism

The Associated Press adds from Moscow: The Soviet news agency TASS on Saturday accused Mr. Reagan of using his trip to China "as an opportunity for gross attacks on the Soviet Union."

Mr. Reagan has been "shamelessly distorting" Soviet policy in public statements and private talks with Chinese leaders, TASS said.

In a dispatch from Peking, the agency criticised remarks in Mr. Reagan's speech Friday and his interview with Chinese reporters Saturday, in which he depicted the Soviet Union as an aggressor. The remarks were deleted when Mr. Reagan's comments were broadcast over nationwide television in China.



U.S. President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan (centre) arrive at the Great Wall of China Saturday afternoon (AP wirephoto)

## Thatcher hints at hopes for 3rd term

LONDON (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher signalled Saturday night that she hopes for a third term — which could extend her administration into the 1990s.

In a press statement marking her fifth anniversary in power next Friday, she said she was looking to her tasks "for the next five years and beyond."

British newspapers saw her remarks as an unmistakable signal that she hopes to lead the Conservative Party into the next general election, which is not due until 1988.

If she does, and wins, she would normally be expected to serve a substantial part of the following five years.

No British Prime Minister in this century has served two consecutive full terms, let alone won a third. Some factions in the ruling Conservative Party have been quietly hoping Mrs. Thatcher, 58,

will step down towards the end of her present term.

Mrs. Thatcher won office in 1979 and was re-elected last June with a landslide majority in parliament.

Her press statement said: "On Friday my anniversary thoughts will dwell not on the past but on the future — on the next five years and beyond to the tasks that remain to regenerate this country's vigour and enterprise."

The prime minister said that "after five years I take pride in the government's strength of purpose to carry on doing what it believes to be right and to govern in the interests of all our people."

"Our ambitions for Britain remain undimmed. Our determination to achieve them is unflagging."

Listing her achievements in office, Mrs. Thatcher said the British economy was growing with low

## Peking issues new warning to Hanoi

PEKING (R) — Peking accused Vietnam of building fortifications inside China and said Chinese forces would retaliate against any cross-border attacks.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, in a statement carried by the official New China News Agency (NCNA), said: "The Vietnamese authorities must stop forthwith their provocations and intrusions along the Sino-Vietnamese border."

"Otherwise they will only have themselves to blame and bear all the responsibilities."

China said Saturday its troops wiped out a Vietnamese force in the latest of a series of border clashes which erupted this month at the same time as fighting resumed in Kampuchea between Vietnamese troops and Kampuchean resistance forces.

Sunday's statement said Vietnamese forces had not only continued shelling border areas and intruded across the frontier but had also built fortifications and strongholds on Chinese territory.

The Vietnamese were carrying out sabotage and raids against

Chinese border villages, causing serious loss of life and damage to property, the statement said.

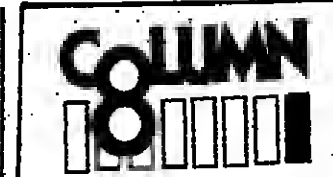
No independent report of the Chinese charge was available.

Hanoi said Saturday China had fired thousands of artillery rounds into Vietnam's northern provinces in the past week, killing one person and wounding five others as well as damaging property and crops.

Vietnam accused China on April 7 of sending an invasion force across the border, but Sunday's Chinese statement dismissed the allegation as a Vietnamese attempt to deceive the world "and cover up their own crimes."

It added: "We have hit back at the intruders on our own land for the very purpose of exercising our sacred right of self-defence to protect China's frontier."

The Sino-Vietnamese border has been tense since the two countries fought a brief war in early 1979 following Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea to replace the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government with a pro-Hanoi administration.



## Woman named U.S. top legal official

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Saturday named Carol Dinkins, former assistant attorney-general, as deputy attorney-general in place of Edward Schmults, Justice Department officials in Washington said. Ms. Dinkins was recommended for the post by outgoing Attorney General William French Smith. Ms. Dinkins, 38, was assistant attorney-general in charge of land and natural resources from 1981-83 but resigned to rejoin her Houston law firm of Vinson and Elkins.

## Blacks favour Mondale, poll shows

NEW YORK (R) — Most black Democratic voters prefer former Vice-President Walter Mondale to black contender Jesse Jackson as the party's presidential nominee, according to a poll released Saturday. The Newsweek magazine poll, conducted by the Gallup Organisation, showed a sample of 238 voters preferred Mr. Mondale by a 51 to 38 per cent margin over Mr. Jackson with Gary Hart the choice of eight per cent. In another Newsweek poll, a nationwide survey of 752 registered Democrats, Mr. Mondale held a 52 to 38 per cent lead over Mr. Hart with Mr. Jackson receiving seven per cent.

## Soviet cosmonauts continue space repairs

MOSCOW (AP) — Two of the cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-7 space station made their third space walk Sunday, staying outside to hours and 45 minutes to continue a repair job on the station's propulsion system, TASS reported. The official news agency said cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovov walked along the outer shell of Salyut-7 in their space suits and installed a new reserve manifold for the station's engine system.

## Drug dealer sought in Kennedy death

PALM BEACH, Florida (R) — Detectives want to question a suspected cocaine dealer to determine if he sold the drug to the late David Kennedy, who had a history of drug and alcohol problems, police sources said Saturday. The sources said that investigators believe the 1.3 grams of "high-grade" cocaine found in Mr. Kennedy's hotel room had been purchased in Palm Beach and that they know the identity of the man who might have sold it to him. The body of Mr. Kennedy, 28, the son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, was found on Wednesday in a hotel room. A preliminary autopsy revealed evidence of cocaine and the painkiller, demerol, in his body.

## Hirohito celebrates 83rd birthday

TOKYO (AP) — About 76,000 well-wishers, waving Japanese flags and shouting *banzai* (long life), flocked to the imperial palace Sunday to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Emperor Hirohito, an imperial household agency spokesman said. Appearing on a bullet-proof veranda with members of the imperial family, emperor Hirohito waved and said, "thank you for celebrating my birthday. I am happy that a large crowd turned out. I wish everyone continued happiness." The number of well-wishers, including some foreign tourists, was about the same as last year, the agency said.

## 2½ tons of hashish seized in Portugal

LISBON (R) — Two-and-a-half tonnes of hashish with a market value of about \$10 million have been seized after being smuggled into Portugal from Lebanon in three barrels, police said Sunday. It is the biggest single haul of drugs in Portugal and it was found in 56 barrels in a warehouse near Lisbon last Friday. Police said two Portuguese and a Spaniard had been arrested in connection with the seizure.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
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### TWO SHOTS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8  
♥ J 10 5 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ A K Q J 3

**WEST** ♠ 10 7 6 3 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ 10 8 5 2  
♣ 6

**EAST** ♠ K 9 4  
♥ 6 4  
♦ Q J 9 7  
♣ 9 7 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J 5  
♥ K 9 8 7  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ 10 8 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Six of ♣.

CBS Software's bridge program, "Goren: Learning Bridge Made Easy," now available for Apple II and IBM personal computers, contains a feast for those wanting to improve their game. Besides ten random bidding quizzes and 75 declarer play hands, there are 25 hands covering defense. This is one. To simulate the computer display, cover up the East and South hands and decide how you would defend four hearts.

You have learned little from the question other than that South has at least four hearts and 6 points. From your hand, it is obvious that

you can expect at most one trick from partner. Therefore, your hand must produce three tricks if you are to beat four hearts. For that to happen, declarer must have the king of hearts so that you can score both the ace and queen. And your other trick will have to come from a ruff, so you lead your singleton club.

Declarer wins on the table and runs the jack of hearts to your queen. What now? If you decide that you have to find an immediate entry to your partner's hand, you shift to a diamond. Declarer wins, forces out your high trump, wins the spade return with the ace, draws the last trump and claims his contract.

Since you still have the ace of hearts, you know you can defeat the contract if partner has either the king of spades or ace of diamonds, so it is vital for you to attack spades first.

At trick three, you lead a low spade and dummy's ace wins. If partner signals with a low spade, you will later try to get in partner's hand with the ace of diamonds. But as the cards lie, partner will encourage with the nine of spades. Now you win the ace of hearts and return another spade. Partner takes the king and gives you your club ruff — down one.

## Colombian guerrillas detain train

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A train with nearly 600 passengers was stopped Saturday by about 25 guerrillas near Bogota and sprayed with graffiti, while another 150 guerrillas occupied the southern town of Miraflores for five hours, police said.

The train owned by the National railroad company was attacked about 20 kilometres north of Bogota. Some of the guerrillas were hidden among hundreds of tourists that every weekend visit towns near Bogota.

During the attack one policeman was shot twice in the throat and once in the chest, police said.

The guerrillas of the April 19 movement (M-19) painted 11 cars of the train with the initials M-19 and handed the passengers a recent issue of the afternoon newspaper "El Bogota," which was occupied recently by them and forced to print 75,000 copies with propaganda about the movement.

The guerrillas said the attack was a tribute to Jaime bateman Cayon, M-19's chief who was killed in a plane crash a year ago in Panama.

### Town occupied

At the same time, about 150 guerrillas from the Colombian revolutionary armed forces attacked the town of Miraflores, in the Guaviare jungle.

The Garrison of 20 policemen surrendered after a fierce combat. The guerrillas dynamited the police station and the office of telecommunications of the town, police said.

The guerrillas fled after both attacks.

The M-19 organisation is one of the three main guerrilla groups in Colombia seeking to overthrow the government.

## U.S. marshals arrest \$150 million swindler

MIAMI (R) — Fugitive currency dealer J. David Dominelli, wanted over the disappearance of up to \$150 million in investments, was arrested Saturday on his arrival here after being expelled from the Caribbean island of Montserrat.

A Miami police spokeswoman said federal marshals detained Mr. Dominelli, 43, when he arrived on a flight from Antigua. Mr. Dominelli attempted to enter Antigua Saturday but immigration officials barred him. A federal judge issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Dominelli after he fled from San Diego, California, to Montserrat on April 13. Island officials ordered him to leave by Saturday.

Upon his arrest, federal authorities immediately began questioning him about the disappearance of the money from his now-bankrupt currency trading firm, police said.

The firm, J. David and Company, which had attracted investments from many of San Diego's wealthiest and most prominent residents, was declared bankrupt on March 21.

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## Earthquake hits central Italy

ROME (AP) — A strong earthquake that struck Rome and other central Italian cities Sunday morning injured several people and damaged buildings in Umbrian hill towns, police said.

They said no deaths were reported in the quake, which measured nearly 6 on the Richter scale and was centred between the medieval Umbrian towns of Perugia and Assisi.

Aftershocks were felt in Rome, Ravenna, Florence and Leghorn, but no major damage or injuries were reported in those cities.

Authorities said there was widespread panic and confusion in the Umbrian towns when the tremors started at 7:03 a.m. (5:03 GMT).

## Bangladesh plans debate on water, border disputes with India

DHAKA (Agencies) — President Lieutenant-General Hossain Mohammad Ershad will soon convene a national conference of political parties to discuss tensions on the border arising from India's building a barbed-wire fence to keep out alleged illegal entrants from Bangladesh.

Special assistant to the president A.R. Yusuf said here Saturday night that Gen. Ershad had accepted a proposal for the conference made by the 10-party Farakka and border aggression resistance committee at its talks with the martial law government Saturday night.

The conference will also take up the problem of sharing Ganges River water at Farakka between India and Bangladesh and the ownership of disputed Talpatty Island. Mr. Yusuf told newsmen after the talks.

He said the problem of sharing Ganges water, Talpatty and construction of barbed-wire fencing by India along the border were among the important national issues the 10-party committee discussed with Gen. Ershad.

Mr. Yusuf told reporters that Gen. Ershad would announce a date for the debate soon.

### Water dispute

Last month, India and Bangladesh failed to agree on plans to augment the waters of the Ganges, a river common to both countries, to boost dry season water supplies. India had proposed that Bangladesh cut a 320-kilometre long canal to link the Ganges with the Brahmaputra, another major river in the region, to draw surplus water.

But Bangladesh argued that the 800-metre, 10-metre deep canal would be too costly, destroy the ecological balance of the region and displace nearly three million people.

Instead, it suggested construction of several reservoirs in Nepal where water could be stored during the monsoon season and released during the dry months.

Delhi said this idea was unacceptable because it would involve a third country in a bilateral affair, even though Nepal had agreed to involvement in the water plan.

Mr. Yusuf said the alliance which met with Gen. Ershad Saturday had praised the government for turning down the Indian proposal.

Indian and Bangladesh border troops exchanged fire several

times last week following an Indian move to erect barbed wire fence along its Assam state border with Bangladesh. Both sides reported casualties.

The committee led by Mrs. Aruna Begum of the Bangladesh National Party also demanded that the government revive the suspended constitution before holding elections. It proposed holding both presidential and parliamentary polls on the same date but not before November.

Gen. Ershad earlier announced that presidential and parliamentary elections will be held simultaneously on May 27.

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